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**HEADS UP A NEWLETTER BY LUKE USEFARA LUKE'S SPRINKLERS &
LANDSCAPING**

ENJOY THE FALL; PREPARE FOR WINTER!

It's time to wrap the vacuum breaker, watch the weather reports and get on our list for Winterizing. "Say what?"

Wrap the vacuum breaker with an insulating material, and then cover that with a plastic bag. If you do a good job of wrapping, it should be protected even if the over night temperatures drop to the low twenties. In any event, the system must be winterized with a compressor to protect it from freezing over the winter. Please call, e-mail or mail in a request for Winterizing as soon as possible so we can get you on the schedule. If you have already gotten on the schedule, there is no need to contact us again.

Please remember that protecting the vacuum breaker is your responsibility until we winterize.

It costs \$65.00 to have us winterize your system. With a little care, a sprinkler system can last for 30 years or more. Sixty Five dollars is much less than the cost of repairing a system that has frozen... and much less than maintaining your car for a year. Please remember, we have been installing & caring for sprinkler systems for over 30 years. We will do it right. Don't be tempted by a cheap price offered by a stranger. It could cost you several hundred dollars to repair your system in the spring, if it was not properly winterized. Don't take the risk.

We will start our winterizing after October 6, this year. That will give you a chance to give your thirsty lawn a good drink before the water is turn off for the season. A little extra water during the cool fall season can go a long way in repairing lawns damaged by the summer heat. Please advise us at your earliest convenience as to your scheduling preference.

Helpful hints

You don't have to be home to have us winterize your system if we have access to the valve boxes in the back yard and you have turned the water to the system off before we get there.

We left a letter with you when we installed your system that explains how to turn your system off. If you no longer have the letter or if we did not install your system, call the office at 303-341- 5651 and we will send you one.

If you have a pet that might get loose or be frightened by the noise of the compressor, let us know so we can make arrangements with you.

If you have a hose bib in a garden, which is part of the sprinkler system, open the hose bib when you turn the water off to the sprinkler system.

If our voicemail is full when you call, please call back or fill out the enclosed winterizing request form and mail it to us or e-mail us at luke@lukelawnwalker.com

Contact us as soon as possible. Due to heavy call volume, we may not return your call until

we have entered your request in the computer, printed the work order and put you on the schedule. We will call you two to three days before you are scheduled for service so you will have plenty of time to water one last time and turn off the water to the system.

Please winter water your trees and shrubs!

If you use a root feeder to water trees & shrubs, use low pressure, watering to a depth of one foot, using only water (no fertilizer, please) and do not force the root feeder into the ground. If you hit something hard, it is probably a root or a sprinkler pipe. Water each spot for 5 to 10 minutes. For newer trees, be sure to water just outside the root ball. For older trees, most of the roots that carry water to the rest of the tree are closer to the drip line of the tree.

If you don't have a root feeder, you can water with a hose. Turn the pressure down so the water trickles out. Locate it close to the trunk, then move it about 2 feet every 20 minutes toward the drip line. This is also a good way to water shrubs. You should water this way about twice a month during dry winters. I know all this is time consuming, but you only have to water the plants you want to live.

Plants installed this year need more frequent winter watering than established plantings. (This goes for sod as well). **If we get lots of snow that stays on that ground this winter, it may save you some of this effort.**

Money saving ideas

Be sure to disconnect any garden hoses after each use this time of year so that your outside faucets don't freeze.

We are offering special incentives on new sprinkler systems that we install between now and the end of the year. You can save hundreds of dollars by replacing an old worn out system, by automating an old manual system or by having a new system installed in a second home.

If you recommend us to a friend who buys a sprinkler system from us, we will save your friend money and we will send you 4 coupons worth \$25.00 each toward any service we supply to you.

We can save you money this year on the cost of reducing the size of your lawn. We can install stone patios, paths or sitting areas. They are an attractive addition to your landscaping and can reduce the cost of watering next year. (Check with your city. Many cities are also offering incentives for reducing the size of your lawn or installing water saving devices like rain sensors.)

Use a product like REVIVE on your lawn. It saves money on water by allowing the water to go deeper into the soil.

Aerate your lawn in the spring and fall and use organic fertilizers that will improve your soil's water-holding capacity.

Please note: We have a new E-MAIL address. It is luke@lukelawnwalker.com. We got the name from that famous movie "LAWN WARS" which is about the war between the gentle lawn loving peoples of the EMERALD METRO ON THE PLAINS and the EVIL WATER PROVIDERS who fiendishly waste millions of gallons of water downstream so they can create a false water shortage, thereby gouging the gentle lawn loving people for the water they need and force them to replace their beautiful, cool, green lawns and walk on ROCK.

Thank you for your business.

Luke Usefara

LUKE'S SPRINKLERS & LANDSCAPING

MAIL IN REQUEST FOR WINTERIZING

Name _____

Address to be winterized _____

Billing address _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, I want my sprinklers winterized after _____ (date.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will have the water to the sprinklers turned off by _____ (date.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	I need help turning off the water to the sprinkler system.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I can be home on weekdays if I know you are coming.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I can be home in the mornings until _____ (time.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	I can be home in the afternoon after _____ (time.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	My phone number is (home) _____ (business or cell) _____.

I do not have voicemail on my phone. The best time to reach me is _____.

My e-mail address is _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	I would prefer to opt out of future mailing. Please remove my name from your list.
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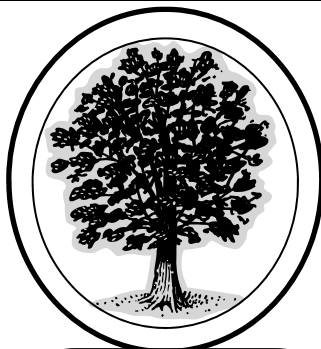
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