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Founders' Message

The month of March brings a lot of excitement for our team here at Landesign. From adjusting to the daylight savings time change to celebrating St. Patrick's Day, we're reminded that spring is quickly approaching! This is the perfect time

of year to get started on your next outdoor improvement project, so we want to encourage our customers to call on their Account Managers to assist with a proactive enhancement strategy to protect your landscape investment and the curb appeal of your property.

Possible enhancement projects and services that we can provide are split up into four categories:

1. Problem-Solving

- Water conservation
- Drainage and erosion control
- Safety improvements
- Improve traffic flow (vehicle and pedestrian)
- Windbreak and hedgerows

2. Renovations and Updates

- Turf renovations or replacements
- New controllers and drip system conversion
- Synthetic turf

3. Quality of Life

- Seasonal color spots
- Decorative rocks
- Pavers
- Outdoor living spaces
- Water features
- Specialty gardens

4. Plant Health and Maintenance

- Mulching or refreshing mulch in beds
- Replacement of overgrown or dead trees and shrubs
- Weed abatement
- Parking lot sweeping
- Leaf clean up

Even the smallest touches can create a strong visual impact and bring beauty

and character to your property. Some enhancements, like drainage or irrigation, are not as noticeable, but they are still very important. Carefully evaluate the needs of your property on several levels, from plant health and safety issues to aesthetics and function, and propose a plan for correcting hazards, resolving problems, and providing repairs and embellishments.

If you'd like a member of our team to assess your property for areas needing improvement, we'd love to hear from you! As always, customer satisfaction is our top priority.

Sincerely,

John and Denise Fitzgerald
Landesign C&M, Founders



March Mulch Madness

There is nothing that can have a greater impact on the appearance of a landscape than a fresh application of bark or mulch. There are many benefits to maintaining a sufficient layer of mulch, including moisture retention, soil erosion prevention, and increased root growth, but one of the greatest and most easily recognizable benefits is the fresh and clean appearance it adds to your shrub beds.



Mulch breaks down and becomes less effective with age, which can lead to many additional problems. Lack of effective mulch reduces weed control and increases moss build-up, as well as increases evaporative water loss during the summer. Re-mulching or re-barking is the simplest way to make your property look fresher and brighter, while also helping to prevent the issues that can be caused by these deficits. We recommend re-barking every other year during late winter or early spring, typically after we finish our pruning and pre-emergence application.

There are many different types of mulch available, but we're here to help you choose the type that will be best for your property. [Contact your Account Manager today to schedule a free site analysis!](#)



Property Spotlight: Capri Creek Apartments

Project Name: Capri Creek Apartments

Location: Petaluma, CA

Client: Sack Properties Inc.



Front Sign - Before (left) & After (right)



Middle Pathway - Before (left) & After (right)

This year's winter project was the landscape renovation of the Capri Creek Apartments in Petaluma, CA. The Capri Creek complex has been under massive renovation for the last two years, so the landscape was almost totally decimated during this process. This project was designed in-house by Blaise Turek, and the installation was a joint effort by our enhancement team run by Ken Kauth and construction team run by Carlos Tellez. Another employee stand out on this project was Foreman, Eric Sanchez, who worked closely and cooperatively with Blaise to ensure all the plants landed as designed, and that daily goals and timelines were met.

One of the biggest challenges in completing this project was the weather, as much of the work was done in the rain. The team did a great job in keeping the sidewalks and driveways clean and free of mud at the end of each work day, and we received many compliments from the residents in regards to the crew's overall friendliness and cooperation.

The design objective was to create a green and lush landscape environment by using low-water-consuming plants that provide a rotation of color throughout the year. Another priority was to keep sight lines low and open for the security and safety of the residents, and to use plants that require little if any hedge-type pruning to keep the noise pollution to a minimum. Additionally, we converted 80% of the irrigation system from overhead spray to drip irrigation to reduce the potential for water damage to nearby walls and fences and to greatly reduce the cost and consumption of irrigation water usage.



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