



"Constant effort and frequent mistakes are the stepping stones to genius."
~ Elbert Hubbard



"In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks"
~ John Muir"



"Just before the death of flowers and before they are buried in snow, There comes a festival season when nature is all aglow."
~ Unknown

Continue to enhance with persistent effort....

It is easy to let up on our gardens and rest on our laurels. The temptation to rely on the work we have already done is in our nature. Nowhere is this truer, than in our landscapes. We cease to see the changes that are taking place daily. So often we meet with people whose yards became overgrown with weeds and no longer reflected who they are or wanted to be. One of the most common oversights is leaving plants past their prime. Heathers (*Calluna Vulgaris*) and Lavender (*Lavandula*) both which have life spans that can be shortened to as few as seven years if not tended to properly. They are a gorgeous addition to many beautiful gardens but it is very common to see them without blooms and woody, knowing they will never regain their glory. Let the dying energy go and replant with new vibrant starts. It will benefit you and your landscape in more ways than you can imagine.



October Fun Facts....

October was originally the eighth month on the Roman calendar, hence 'octo'. It is a great month for celebrations. Oktoberfest was started on October 12, 1810, the wedding day of King Ludwig I in Germany. Hawaii has the "Aloha Festival" known as the Mardi Gras of the Pacific. And of course Halloween. The largest pumpkin ever was 2,032 lbs by Tim Mathison in 2013. Making Jack-O ' Lanterns, a Celtic custom intended to welcome home our ancestors spirits while simultaneously warding off evil spirits. They were originally made from turnips or gourds. Burning lumps of coal inside eventually were replaced by candles. Pumpkins are grown all over the world except Antarctica.

What's Growing on... News & Noteworthy

We are starting to prepare for the winter months. We will fertilize in October which should carry everyone through the New Year. Once the rains come back we will start blowing out and winterizing the irrigation systems. You can turn your clock to the "off" position as soon as these hot days are past us. If you are not sure if you have fertilizing or irrigation included in your ongoing maintenance plan you can call Resa, our Operations Manager, at 206-619-9993. She can also provide an estimate if they are not included in your current plan and you are interested in having either service provided this month.