Trowel & Error

Maintaining Naturalistic Landscapes

or

DETAILS, DETAILS, DETAILS
• TRUTHS: About Landscape Maintenance
• KNOW YOUR PLANTS
• PLANT REMOVAL: Intruders
• PRUNING: Grooming, Shaping and Cutting back
• TIMING
• MULCH
• HARDSCAPE: Defining the Edge
• SPECIFIC SPECIES
TRUTHS

About Landscape Maintenance
YOU CAN’T HANDLE THE TRUTH!
Truth #1:
There is no landscape that is NO Maintenance
Truth #2:
Truth #3:
One Maintenance Schedule – Does Not Fit All
Truth #4:
It is About the Details, Details, Details
Truth #5:
Horticulture is the Art & Science of Growing Plants
TRUTH #6:
Sometimes the Best Thing to Do is Nothing
KNOW YOUR PLANTS
Use Plants that Require Fewer Inputs
Mass Same or Similar Species
Use Compact & Clump-forming Plants
Plan for Mature Size
Contain Spreading Plants
Trumpet Vine
PLANT REMOVAL

Weeds & Other Intruders
Weeding Out “Desired” Plants
Remove Dead or Heavily Diseased Plants
Remove Extraneous Objects
PRUNING

Grooming, Shaping & Cutting Back

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Mow a Pathway
Grooming: Remove Damaged or Dead Leaves
Grooming: Remove Bloom Stalks
Shaping
Selective Pruning: Over the Edge
Cutting Back
TIMING

- Cutback herbaceous and semi-woody perennials before they put on new growth in the spring
  
  Or
  
  When your plants need rejuvenating
MULCH

For Continuity
Your Plants will Thank you Very Mulch
Get Free Mulch
(and drop off unused pesticides and fertilizer)

- Free mulch is available from Austin Resource Recovery
- Please come ready to self-load the mulch.
- Staff is unavailable for loading

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Improper Mulching is not Helpful for the Tree and it Looks Bad
Keep Mulch Away From the Base of Plants
HARDSCAPE

PATHWAYS, PLANTER BEDS, EDGING, HOSES
Sweep the Stonework
Rake the Gravel
Define the Edge
SPECIFIC SPECIES
Texas Sage
Rejuvenated
**Shoot System - Functions**
- Photosynthesis
- Reproduction
- Storage
- Transport
- Hormones

**Root System - Function**
- Anchorage
- Absorption
- Storage
- Transport
- Hormones
Texas Mountain Laurel
Crape Murder
Autumn Sage
Big Muhly
Grass Growth Habits
Sago Palm
Daminiata & Blackfoot Daisy
Mexican Bush Sage
Pink Skullcap
Zexmenia
EDUCATION & SIGNAGE
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