



# Lawn & Order of Arizona



## Newsletter – February 2010

### Tip of the Month!

Minimize tree pruning. Each cut is a wound to the plant, opening it up to the insect and disease problems. Have a purpose and an end result in mind before you make the first cut. Never remove more than 1/4 of the total plant (this is true for turf as well). Always use sharp, sterile, quality pruning tools and disinfect them between cuts to prevent the spread of disease. Pruning is an art as well as a science. How much you cut off and where you choose to make the cuts will effect both the health and the beauty of the tree. Learn proper pruning techniques by attending pruning demonstrations or reviewing work books.

### Weather Information

The rains are here and may stay for another month or two. To avoid root-rot, don't over-water your plants because the extra rain could change how much water they need. The cooler temperatures also leave a frost on cars, windows, and lawns. Be prepared for frost and frost damage.

### Monthly averages for the Phoenix Metro Area

Feb.	Highs –	Low –	Avg. –	Avg. Precip. –	Rec. -	Rec. -
	70.7°F	44.7°F	57.7°F	0.7 in.	92°F	24°F

## Important Don't's

DO NOT fertilize frost sensitive plants.

DO NOT over water or over fertilize winter lawns as this will encourage rapid succulent growth which is vulnerable to fungal diseases.

DO NOT mow when turf is wet. By wounding the plant (mowing) while it is wet you increase the likelihood of fungal infection. In addition, you increase the likelihood of spreading the fungus on the tires of the mower and on your shoes



### Special Event!

## **Arizona Renaissance Festival**

**February 6, 2010 – March 28 , 2010**

**Location:** Apache Junction, Arizona

**Phone:** 1-520-463-2700



-Every weekend-  
A King and His Court, Duelists and Ladies, Crafts, Food and Games, An Enchanted Kingdom Joust For You!

These words introduced the Arizona Renaissance Festival in 1989 when the event was just an 8 acre village. Entering the Village of Fairhaven 20 years later you experience 30 acres of paths filled with 12 stages of non-stop entertainment, a tournament arena for jousts, an open-air market with 200 artisan shops, kitchens and pubs, games of skill and people powered rides... the

largest renaissance festival in the west.

Thank you very much,

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