



Spring Is Here!

We hope/trust you all have had a good winter season. With spring just around the corner, we felt that it was a good time to send out a quick note of activity that you will see around our community. In addition, we would like to highlight some key dates for your awareness.

Landscaping activities by our contractor are starting up this week with spring clean-up activity occurring. As a result, we are kindly asking all residents to **please remove** any lawn ornaments, decorations, hoses, cords, etc. that may have been use over the winter in order for our landscape contractors to effectively and efficiently carry out their work.

If you are planning to use an **ant killer** on your driveway, sidewalk, or patio, we are asking you to please use a **diatomaceous earth** type product. One such product is Doctor Doom from Canadian Tire for example. The reason why we are asking you to use diatomaceous earth product is to protect the landscape workers from harm. The workers use blowers to clean off the cement areas and one of the powder type ant killer products could create a toxic cloud when exposed to the blowers resulting in the workers accidentally inhale the chemicals. Thank you for your attention on this safety issue everyone.

Important Dates to Mark in Your Calander:

March 2024 – As noted above our landscape contractor are commencing spring clean-up work this week. We ask all residents to please remove all burlap or netting on trees, plants or shrubs that have been used to protect the trees/bushes.

March 2024 – Yard waste pick up will commence this month. For the month of March this will occur on **Tuesday March 19**. Going forward yard waste will be picked up by the landscaper on the **1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month**. Please place all yard waste in a tote bin, or garbage can for pick up.

March 2024 - Lawn cutting will occur on **Mondays** again this season. (weather permitting).

March 2024 – Spring Pruning will start the 4th week of March weather permitting. For your awareness spring and fall pruning is a mandatory undertaking that is completed by the landscape contractor.

****** If you would like to opt out of summer pruning, you must sign up at the office for the “Red Stake Program” in the early summer to get your stake/s. We ask that any old stakes be returned as they will not be recognized for this year’s non-pruning program.***

March-April 2024– Lawn Fertilizing will start in the middle of March depending on weather. Signs will be posted.

March-April 2024 – Marmot Control. Notice with dates to follow especially on the deployment of gas bombs. Please note that individual marmot traps are available and can be signed out at the office.

April 1, 2024 – Irrigation startups for Single & Multi Family Homes & Common Areas will commence.

April 15-19, 2024 – Street Sweeping - (Accu-Sweep)

Important Reminder: If you have any issues with our landscape contractor, please do not approach them directly but rather raise them with the Sonoma Pines office in order that we can address concerns/issues with the contractor. For your information our office contacts are (778) 754-7929 or by email sphmboard@gmail.com. Office hours are Mon-Fri 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Happy Spring Everyone!

Sonoma Pines Board