



Mike Parker Landscape

"We don't just maintain your landscape, we *manage* it for you"



"Fall" Southern California's Second Spring

Many Spring blooming annuals are planted in Fall in our Southern California climate, because they grow and flower during the cooler time of the year. At no other time of the year are so many ingredients for a spectacular *Spring* garden available as right now!

Since the selection can be overwhelming it's best to simplify your selections by blending flower colors and plant textures best suited to your gardens style and exposure. We can help you choose the color plantings that will best suit your home.

We plant from color packs and 4" pots instead of larger containers so that plants have time to grow a good root system before blooming. This allows them to develop more flowers and last longer.

Well prepared soil with plenty of amendments and a time release fertilizer is a must, and when planting pansies, a soil fungicide is recommended.

Let us help you select the right combination of annuals to dress your garden. Spring blooming varieties now available include:

- Iceland Poppies
- Stock
- Snapdragons,
- Pansies & Violas
- Primroses
- Cyclamen
- Nemesia
- Ranuncula
- Cineraria
- English Daisy
- Alyssum
- Lobelia
- Calendula
- Linaria

Planting is done by our experienced "extras" crew and scheduled separately from your normal maintenance. We will continue planting through November and December.

Call or E-mail our office to schedule a consultation.

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TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY REMINDER

Fire and police departments recommend that homeowners turn on ALL outside lighting and low voltage lighting for the safety of children going from door to door.

Our semi-annual Irrigation and Lighting checks are now being conducted in time for the Halloween festivities. However, homes with photo cell lights or lights activated from inside, are hard for us to check during daylight hours and need to be checked by residents after dark.

If your check reveals lights OUT please mark them and call us. If your system needs more than a few bulbs replaced or more extensive repairs, we will notify you with estimates for authorization.

ANNUAL COLOR TIME

Fall is the time to get your garden in gear for the Holidays & the selection is now at it's peak! Flowering annuals create a festive finish to all your Holiday decorating.

Call and arrange for your Color Consultation.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



WHAT'S "GROWING ON" FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER.

- ◆ **Aerating of lawns, scalping and over-seeding of commercial and warm season lawns. Fertilize lawns.**
- ◆ **Continue trimming all large shrubs & trees under 15' to prepare for Santa Ana winds & Winter rains.**
- ◆ **Make recommendations for trimming of trees over 15' in height.**
- ◆ **Fertilize Azaleas, Camellias & Gardenias.**
- ◆ **Prune and feed roses for last Fall bloom.**
- ◆ **Fertilize Citrus for the last time this year.**
- ◆ **Prune and divide tired perennials. Clean out beds and mulch for Winter.**
- ◆ **Remove warm season annuals and plant Fall & Winter color and Spring perennials.**
- ◆ **Apply snail bait again after October 31st.**
- ◆ **Adjust irrigation timers for arrival of rain & cooler weather.**
- ◆ **Clean out drain swales & culverts for landscape debris.**



The Perennial Garden A Garden For All Seasons

Perennial gardens are gaining popularity in the West, particularly amongst people who do not want the expense of replacing annual color seasonally, but still desire dazzling blooms and color.

Perennial gardens must be planted and cared for differently than annual color gardens. Perennial gardens are not usually formal in style and contain varying colors, textures and heights. They tend to be more drought tolerant and complement the Shady Canyon plant pallet and Newport Coast Mediterranean gardens.

You can also plan a traditional cottage garden, combining perennials, bulbs and annuals.

In late summer and early fall when annuals are tired out and ready to be replaced, perennials can give fullness and color in the garden.

Fall is the best time to set out perennials in 4" size containers so they can settle in and develop root systems during the cooler months. If you wait until May, when nurseries have flowering perennials in bloom, you will need to purchase more expensive one gallon plants.

We design perennial gardens that will deliver the longest show with minimal fuss. Combined with ornamental grasses and New Zealand flax for a winning combination.

The following plants are great choices for the Southern California perennial garden:

- Aster frikartii
- Coreopsis
- Agapanthus africanus
- Hemeocallis
- Limonium perezii
- Penstemon
- Erigeron
- Phygelius
- Gaillardia Daisy
- Lavandula
- Rubeckia
- Heliotrope
- Leptospermum
- Diosma
- Gaura
- Verbena temari

Perennials and ornamental grasses need to be renovated from time to time. If you currently have a perennial garden that is looking leggy and tired we suggest renovating it now for Spring. With proper horticultural pruning, dividing, some plant replacement and mulching this Fall, it will reward you with fresh growth and a burst of colors next Spring.



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