

## **Seasonal Information**

### **April - June**

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#### **The Spring Forecast For The Southeast: Dry**

This is the dry season in the southeast. Moderate temperatures and dry weather makes the southeast a wonderful place to live in the spring. However, this spring weather pattern can also bring problems to your landscape.

#### **Proper Watering Techniques During A Drought**

Because drought conditions are very common in the early spring in the southeast, lawns and plants will begin to wilt if not provided with supplemental irrigation. It is best to water your lawn once or twice per week in the absence of rain. Make sure that your irrigation hits all the areas of your lawn evenly. Dry spots, also called "hot spots," can develop in the lawn if sprinklers do not cover these areas of the lawn. These dry areas can resemble insect damage in the lawn. If water is not added these areas, your lawn can decline and eventually die if not corrected. If grass blades wilt or begin to fold together, it will be necessary to add water. Make sure not to water too often. Over-watering is the primary reason for many weed, and disease problems.

#### **Other Seasonal Problems**

Besides dry conditions, some other seasonal problems to watch out for include:

1. Chinch bugs are major pests in lawns during this time. This insect loves hot and dry locations and feeds on the grass by sucking out plant juices.
2. Weeds will grow aggressively in the early spring. Proper mowing and watering will help to reduce the development of obnoxious weeds.
3. Aphids and whiteflies are becoming active with the flush of new growth on landscape plants. These insects feed on plants such as viburnum, crape myrtle, and pittosporum and can be an on-going problem in the landscape.
4. Have your lawn inspected by a professional.