

COUGAR CUSTOMER CARE TIPS

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APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

Hello and welcome to our inaugural newsletter! April has almost come and gone and boy has it been a wet one. After two years of severe drought conditions, the rain is a welcomed relief. Most of you have probably noticed this foreign green stuff calledGRASS! You may have even had to pull out the mower and pull some weeds. With all of this rain, you probably have not needed your sprinkler system to apply supplemental water. Hopefully your sprinkler system's rain sensor is doing it's job by delaying watering and saving you money. Don't have a rain sensor installed? Manually turning your system off when the weather forecast calls for rain? Want to ensure your sensor is working? Call Cougar! We can test your rain sensor or install a new one in a jiffy. Did you know, as of January 2009, the City of Austin requires (1) all new sprinkler system installations to have rain sensors and (2) all rain sensors to shut off with 1/2" (or less) of rainfall. **A water-wise landscape requires a minimal amount of supplemental water from irrigation. When irrigation is used, water should be applied efficiently and effectively to make every drop count.** ©1996 ncsu.edu

[Rain sensors can pay for themselves in a year!](#)

SPRING CLEANING AND TUNE UPS

Spring is the perfect time to perform sprinkler system maintenance. Tune up now before we enter the long, hot Central Texas summers we all know and love. Just like your car needs a checkup once in a while, your sprinkler system may need some adjustment and fine tuning. Broken or leaking heads? Spraying on your house or walkways?

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Rainbird's new [U-series](#) nozzles are 30% more efficient with a secondary stream for close-in watering. Ask us about upgrading your system to help you save water.
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NEWSLETTER SPOTLIGHT

Got runoff? If you have a sloping site or dense clay, you may have runoff. Two suggestions: 1) change your spray nozzles to a rotator nozzle or 2) "cycle soak" by running that zone 2x for 5 minutes instead of 10 minutes continuous.

We can evaluate your conditions to recommend the best solution for your budget and re-program your controller to optimize water application and minimize runoff.

May Special! We'll install a Mini-Click® rain sensor AND perform a complete system tune up for just \$129*(regular price \$249) *limit 1 coupon per residence, does not include additional parts and labor. Travel in excess of 15 miles incurs additional mileage charges. Wireless sensors available for nominal up charge. Expires 5/31/2009
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LANDSCAPING IS FUN! I JUST LOVE THOSE NEW FLOWER BEDS



Show off your landscape at night! We install FX Luminaire low voltage lighting. FX products are made in the USA and backed by a 10 year manufacturer warranty!
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- Have you recently installed some new flower beds or an urban vegetable garden?
- Have your shrubs and bushes outgrown the height of your risers?
- Are there some areas of the yard that are not getting proper coverage?

We can upgrade your system as your landscape grows and your needs evolve!

TIDBITS from the COUGAR

- Efficient sprinkler systems begin with good design.
- Drip irrigation is up to 2x more efficient than spray.
- Misting caused by overpressure wastes up to 50% more water.

Stay tuned for next month's newsletter when we will featureLandscape lighting!

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