



BETTER ENVIRONMENTS

PRIVACY ISSUES – WE CAN HELP

Happy
St. Patrick's Day



An Irish Blessing:
"May God grant you
always a sunbeam
to warm you, a
moonbeam to
charm you, a shel-
tering Angel so
nothing can harm
you, laughter to
cheer you, Faithful
friends near you,
and whenever you
pray, Heaven to
hear you."



On more than one occasion, we have received phone calls from customers asking, "what can I do with regards to having privacy? I don't want to see my neighbor's house, dog, mailbox; etc." You have a couple of options: You can put up privacy fencing or you can plant any one of the following trees. They are fast-growing and affordable.

- Leyland Cypress—Grows 3-4 feet per year and is the one most widely grown
- Italian Cypress—Narrow and elegant looking and drought tolerant
- Juniper—Very adaptable and is great for hedges
- Texas Privets—Fast growing and is

an ideal hedge

- Bamboo—Quick privacy, easy to grow and has a unique color
- Ficus—Fast growing and can be trimmed to a hedge or tree
- Carolina Cherry/Dondoneas—Fast growing, and it can be a hedge or tree

Not only can these trees provide privacy, but they can also help filter out noise.

Another option for noise control and/or filtering is to install a fountain. The sound of the trickling water dilutes the noise of traffic and other unwanted noises.

Please call our office for a free estimate!

Providence Little Company of Mary Foundation Upcoming Events to Put on Your Calendar:

- **Sunday, April 25, 2010, 1:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.: Honda For Our Children Food and Wine Festival:** Honda presents this 25th Annual Event, partnering with Providence Little Company of Mary Foundation and Sandpipers. The Festival offers the best in food, wine, and auction, and it is held on the grounds of American Honda Motor Company, Inc. in Torrance.
- **Monday, May 17, 2010, Golf Classic, All-Day Event:** Golfers will tee off at the Palos Verdes Golf Club, playing either a morning or afternoon flight. Enjoy a hosted cocktail reception, dinner, silent and live auctions, and a trophy presentation.
- **Saturday, November 6, 2010, Sellabration Gala, 6 p.m.—11 p.m.:** Experience the elegance of the Los Angeles Biltmore Crystal Ballroom at the Sellabration Gala honoring the Little Company of Mary Sisters and their 50-year healing presence in Southern California. Sellabration is an elegant, black-tie dinner dance and auction held since 1975.

For more information, please contact the Foundation at 310-303-5340 or plcmfoundation.org.

Our Services

Bennett Landscape does much more than landscape maintenance and tree trimming. The following is a list of the many services we provide. Please consider getting a quote from us before you begin your next home improvement project:

- Irrigation Installation & Repair
- Masonry and hardscape of patios, retaining walls, walkways, driveways, etc.
- Drainage Systems
- Lighting Installation & Repair
- Custom Projects

Bennett Landscape has taken pride in beautifying the South Bay and greater Los Angeles areas with our professional services for over thirty years. We are licensed, bonded and insured. We are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

March Gardening Tips

- In most areas, it is still possible to do dormant spraying of fruit trees until the 15th.
- Late March and early April is a good time to transplant shrubs and trees.
- Fertilize shrubs and trees.
- Finish pruning fruit trees this month.
- Prune roses. Severe pruning results in nicer, long-stemmed flowers and more compact bushes. Begin to spray roses for Black Spot and Aphids
- Feed roses.
- Plant tender bulbs and tubers (gladiola, lilies and dahlias). You may continue planting additional bulbs every two weeks until mid June to ensure a

- continuous source of bloom.
- Prune winter Jasmine after flowering and cut honeysuckle back to 3 ft.
 - Remove all dead blooms from bulbs.
 - Fertilize any bulbs that have finished blooming with bone meal or bulb booster.
 - Plant Primroses and Pan-sies
 - Pinch off tips of Sweet Pea seedlings and Mums when they are 4 inches tall.
 - Water all bulbs during times of growth and especially during foliage and bloom development. Irrigate summer-flowering bulbs during dry weather. Keep water off foliage and blooms.

- Fertilize tulips as foliage appears and make another application after flowering. Fertilize all other spring-flowering bulbs after flowering.
- Turn your compost pile. Remove any coarse mulch from garden and add it to the compost.
- Keep an eye out for Aphids and Cutworms. Spray off with water.
- Repair damaged areas of the lawn. Dethatch, rake or aerate. Most lawns will need a spring feeding, but if thatching or gypsum needs to be done, do these jobs first. If moss is a problem, a combination fertilizer and moss killer can be applied to do both jobs in one easy applica-

- tion. Over-seeding can be done as the last step, after the lawn has been fertilized.
- Now is a good time to note areas of poor drainage. If there are pools of water in your yard that do not drain, please call our office so we can help you with a solution.
 - Clean out all of your bird-houses now so that they will be ready when the birds return.
 - Repair any fencing, arbors, or trellis work that is weak or broken.
 - Check the plants under the eaves of the house and under tall evergreens to see that they have sufficient moisture. (www.fairygardens.com)

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA LAND CONSERVANCY

- March 6: Volunteer Workday. Three Sisters Reserve—9 a.m.—12 p.m.** Help with habitat restoration by weeding and planting.
- March 13: Team Leader Training: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**
- March 13: Nature Walk : 9 a.m.—12 p.m. at Portuguese Bend Reserve**—Follow the Ishibashi Trail after the rainy season to witness the changes in habitat following the August fire with a chance to view rare wildflowers; many not seen in decades. All walks are family oriented and are suitable for children. Moderate.
- March 20: Volunteer Workday Nursery. 9 a.m.—12 p.m.** Transplant native seedlings at our Nursery.
- For more information, please call 310-541-7613.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SEASONAL SPECIAL

Have you been thinking about changing your landscape, hardscape, adding trees or possibly upgrading your irrigation system? If so, Bennett Landscape is ready to tackle your next Spring project. Now is the time! Give us a call, and get it done early for best results!