



559-476-7236

JDMLandscapeCA.com



Joshua Mitchell

## Some Random Landscape Thoughts

Rising summer temperatures lead to an increase in your lawn and landscape plants' moisture needs. If rainfall is scarce this summer, your turf, trees and shrubs will really be counting on you to step in with some supplemental watering.

It's a common misconception that light and frequent watering is beneficial. Actually, this does more harm than good by encouraging shallow root systems that dry out too quickly. What you want to do is cultivate deeper and more extensive roots. The way to do that is to water less often, but more deeply.

### HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?

Your lawn needs from 1" to 1.5" of water per week from rainfall or sprinkling. If there's no rain in the forecast, a long, deep soaking once per week will do (letting moisture penetrate 6" to 8" into the soil).

Your trees and shrubs will also benefit from a deep weekly soaking in hot and dry weather. To keep them sufficiently hydrated, you should water them three times a week as long as you are also watering your turf

Watering early in the morning helps to avoid evaporation from wind and the sun's heat. You can further improve watering efficiency by keeping sprinklers from hitting sidewalks and driveways.

### TAKING AWAY THE GUESSWORK

To ensure that your lawn, trees and shrubs always get the right amount of water at the right times, you may want to consider an automatic irrigation system. These systems take the work and worry out of watering with beneficial features such as:

- Timers that limit watering to the cooler parts of the day.
- Independent station programming to provide certain parts of your landscape with more water than others (depending on the moisture needs of each plant).
- Rain shut-off devices to prevent wasteful watering when it's raining.
- Soil moisture sensors to override irrigation when enough water is present in the soil.

Happy Landscaping!

### Ask Us About These Services:

Landscape Design  
Irrigation Maintenance  
Outdoor Living Space  
Landscape Lighting  
Tree Removal

### Follow Us



### We love what our clients have to say about us.

*JDM Landscape exceeded our expectations. All work was performed exceptionally quick under tight working restrictions. From preconstruction services to jobsite cleanup, everything flowed smoothly.*

- Jonathan Reyes

## Our 3 Favorite Plants for July



### Penstemon

These bushy plants are fairly short lived, but to make up for it, they produce lots of trumpet-shaped blooms over a long period.



### 'Moonshine' yarrow

One of the most carefree and generous bloomers, yarrow has tight clusters of deep yellow flowers on 2-foot tall plants.



### Purple coneflower

Daisy flowers of rosy purple with knobby orange-brown centers, which resemble small beehives, atop clumps of bristly oblong leaves.

## Ways to Create a Unique Outdoor Living Space

These long, hot days often call for time by the pool, but even that can get boring after several weeks of nothing but splashing and tanning. Breathe renewal into your outdoor time this summer season by creating a unique outdoor living space in your own backyard.

- Give your patio the TLC it deserves by investing in paverstone pavers.
- Adding a kitchen element to your backyard is an easy project to undertake, and also a beautiful addition that will add value and appeal to your home .
- Consider installing a fire pit in your backyard.
- Don't forget the importance of lighting as you move forward with outdoor projects this summer.



## Ways to Enhance Your Main Entrance Landscaping



As a commercial property owner, one of your primary goals should be helping your tenants and their clientele feel good about coming to work in the morning, and then coming back the next day. Likewise, getting prospects to take that first step across the threshold should not be underestimated. Main entrance landscaping can help you make a lasting first impression.

**Create a dynamic color scheme with foliage and flowers:** Maintain beds of vibrant and sustainable perennials, which can keep interest blooming throughout the year.

**Pave the way with purpose:** Whether brick, flagstone, concrete, or beyond, the walkway leading to your building will quite possibly be your property's most heavily trafficked path.

**Incorporate repeating elements:** Consider the mirroring of geometric shapes and color schemes to bring everything together.

**Lighten up:** Your main entrance landscaping should be equally accessible throughout the day and night.