



Creating Beautiful Outdoor Environments
for You and Your Community



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Cut Backs and More

April is a month for cutting back old growth, beginning to mow, fertilizing perennials, and staying ahead of the spring weeds.

As we transition into full spring, Solterra's maintenance crews are completing the scalping process of warm season grasses. This process of removing last year's thatch makes way for the new growth that comes with warmer weather.

This month begins the regular mowing season for fescue grass. Spring is when fescue is at its best. If areas of fescue don't look good during this time of year, it's likely a result of poor soil conditions or excessive shade.

Solterra crews are also cutting back the mondo grass, also known as monkey grass, which was burned by cold weather. Similar to liriope, mondo grows more vigorously, is less cold hardy, and has leaves that are more narrow than those of liriope. While we normally do not cut back mondo grass, the cold damage will remain if not trimmed. By removing this old growth, the plants create new, green growth.

Atlanta's cold winter damaged many ornamental plants—we'll be cutting those back as needed to rejuvenate them. With some plants, we'll keep an eye on them through the spring to see if they need to be trimmed further or replaced. If you have questions about specific plants, contact your Solterra maintenance manager. Jason or Brett will be happy to discuss options with you.

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