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Green Valley Landscape's Limited Use of Pesticides with An Organic Approach in Landscaping

To our clients Manager and Board Members,

Green Valley Landscape would like to explain our procedure regarding pesticides and the organic approach we normally use in landscaped areas with our clients.

At GVLM, we understand the importance of maintaining our communities pest free, and that is why we have integrated our pesticide and organic approach into our contract as a way to get rid of any pest or weeds in landscaped areas using the fastest, safest and most organic way. Although chemicals are needed sometimes, the use of pesticides /herbicides is always our last resource to help us with pest and weed control. Weed management is often a combination of non-chemical and chemical methods.

Our first approach is always a proactive one to minimize the use of pesticides. For example, the use of mulches helps to keep the weed population down, which in turn helps minimize the use of herbicides. Most of the weeds are removed by hand and herbicides are only applied if the weeds get out of control or are in areas where hand removal is not optional. When comes to insecticides, we minimize the use of pesticides by selecting plants less susceptible to insects or fungicides or by removing or replacing plants that require frequent treatment of pesticides to thrive.

If we need to use herbicides or pesticides, we always follow the DPR (Department of Pesticide and Regulations) and label instructions to minimize the impact on human and wildlife. All our pesticide technicians are trained, and we are always ready to select the least toxic brand that will help effectively control pests. We do not use pesticides/herbicides unless it is completely necessary and only if the client approves the use of it.

There is also an option of going 100% organic approach. It is available for our clients, but due to the nature of organic pesticides, they are considerably more expensive, and do not necessarily control the pest issue 100% at once. Thus, most of the time we need to treat multiple times. Because of the extensive amount of product and additional labor hours, the cost of weed treatment would go up considerably.

Before going organic, it is important to understand that organic chemicals work differently than synthetic.

For example:

- Organic chemicals do not work as efficient as synthetic to kill weeds.
- Organic chemicals are three times more expensive than synthetic herbicides.
- The ratio per gallon of organic chemicals versus synthetic chemicals is 3 times as much, which means more organic chemical needs to be used and in turn the price goes up.

We hope that this explanation will help best practices for pest and weed control solution for your HOA. Please let us know if you have any additional questions or doubts that we may be able to assist you with. Thank you for your continued business and we hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miguel Sibrian', written in a cursive style.

Miguel Sibrian
Field Manager
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