

Stanton Farms Townhomes Landscape Committee Report

July 8, 2013

These are the specifics re: weed control performed by A & M Lawn Service as part of their basic contract in our community for 2013.

A fertilizer and pre-emergent was applied to the turf near the end of March. The pre-emergent (herbicide) was one that is used on golf courses, soccer fields, playgrounds, and other areas similar to these.

A weed and feed was used near the middle of May because of the prevalence of dandelions.

The rock beds were treated early with a diluted solution of weed killer. However, in some areas it was necessary to follow-up with a full-strength solution because the weeds were persisting. The rock beds are not being treated everywhere every time – only where the weeds keep appearing.

About the middle of June, weed and feed was used in some problem areas and an organic product similar to Revive was used on some turf areas because of the lack of rain, water restrictions, and heat.

As has been stated in the April, 2013, Landscape Committee Report – “If a homeowner has a “private” area near their home where they would prefer that chemicals not be used, he/she can manually remove the weeds and no chemicals will be used or make that preference known by contacting TMT-PMA, sending an email to sftlandscapecommittee@gmail.com, and putting a sign saying “No Chemicals” in the area. However, it will then be the responsibility of the homeowner to not allow the weeds to take over because that could make weed control in the surrounding areas more difficult.”

Also, the Pesticide Sensitivity Registry is maintained by the Colorado Department of Agriculture and is for people who have or can obtain documentation of sensitivity to pesticide products from a licensed Colorado physician.

There have been comments that range from having problems with the chemicals that are being used, to those that do not feel the treatment has been excessive, have no problem with what has been done in 2013, appreciate how much better things look than in 2012, and finally those who want more weed control.

The Committee took this direction in 2013 because the majority of those commenting in 2012 favored a responsible use of chemicals for weed control and A & M is attempting to honor that request. They do not treat for weeds if the problem is minor.

Please send any comments you may have regarding this subject to sftlandscapecommittee@gmail.com.

The Denver Water Board has moved their customers from a Stage 2 to Stage 1 drought. We have been asked to reduce our consumption by 10% because we are still in a drought. Also, our usage is continuing to be monitored to inform us if we are keeping within our water budget.

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