



After months of dry heat, the famous Arizona monsoon season is almost upon us! DLC crews are preparing your landscape for the summer storms. Our Arbor Department has completed an assessment and mapping of your Community's trees and is currently developing specialized pruning plans for each. Pruning will help us thin out the canopies, which will help protect from pests and storm damage. We are also assessing and creating an inventory of your Community's saguaros. The onsite crew continues with cycle work, trimming encroaching plants back from sidewalks and curbs and cleaning up bean pods. Your turf is nearing the end of its seasonal transition back to mature Bermuda and we are applying fertilizer as necessary to help promote the final stages of regrowth. As the Bermuda shifts back to green, keep in mind that turf areas shaded by trees or other structures will not regrow and develop as the areas in full sun. Unlike the Ryegrass in winter, these areas will stay bare throughout the summer.

Read on for tips on caring for your own yard in the July weather!

### **Monsoon Season is Here!**

The later part of the summer brings monsoon rains, and it couldn't come soon enough. While the monsoon season will bring the much needed rain to our desert environment, the storms also pose the biggest weather related risk for our trees. DLC crews thin the Community's trees throughout the year in order to maintain the health of the tree and to prepare for monsoon season.

The summer months are a great time to assess the condition of your trees, remove overly thick foliage, correct damage from previous storms and remove dead or structurally unsound branches to minimize the chance the tree will be damaged or cause damage during a storm. Continue reading for more tips on how to prepare your own yard for monsoon season by visiting the DLC Learning Center at [www.dlcreources.com/learning-center](http://www.dlcreources.com/learning-center).

### **Storm Response**

When monsoon storms arrive, the emphasis for DLC Resources shifts to clean-up and repair. Typically, the summer storms occur late in the day, after crews have left the property for the day. For emergency storm response needs, such as damaged trees in the common areas blocking streets or sidewalks, please call your Community Management team at 866-553-8290. Full scale non-emergency storm cleanup generally begins the following morning. Normal maintenance activities may need to be suspended or reduced in scope while the crew clean up debris and perform repairs.

### **Watering with Summer Rain**

If you haven't already adjusted your watering schedule, now is the time to do it. Even though temperatures are always skyrocketing this time of year, the increased humidity and monsoon rains typically provide needed supplemental water. Check out our helpful watering guide on the DLC Learning Center at [www.dlcreources.com/learning-center](http://www.dlcreources.com/learning-center).