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# Wind River

*Timely Tip for July Gardeners  
From Calloway's Nursery*

## Watering in Texas Summers

If you have lived through a Summer in Texas, then you know how valuable water is to our landscapes. It is our responsibility to conserve water yet keep our gardens thriving through the heat. If you own a sprinkler system, each zone should be programmed differently depending on the needs of that area and you should always operate it manually.

Established lawns should be watered once every five to seven days, applying about one inch of water each time. This soaking encourages deeper rooting which leads to stronger, healthier plants. Landscape irrigation can account for more than 50% of all water used in Texas during the Summer. Unfortunately, half of that water is lost to run-off or over-watering. So, avoid this loss by monitoring how long you water each area and that all your equipment is functioning correctly.

Shrubs and flowerbeds may require more watering depending on the age of the plant material. A good test is to dig down 4 to 6 inches and feel the soil. If the soil is dry, a good deep watering is in order. Plants in full sun will require more moisture as well as those growing in containers. Please remember, any newly planted tree or shrub requires hand watering for that first year.

The best time of day to water is early morning before the temperatures begin to rise. Also, early mornings tend to be a time of lower winds and thus reduced evaporation.

Mulching is an excellent way to retain moisture. It will also insulate the soil surface from the direct rays of the sun and prevent weeds from germinating. Apply a two to three inch layer of mulch to all beds, plantings and containers.

We can all enjoy a colorful and green landscape during the Summer! For more information, stop by any of our Calloway's stores or visit our website, [www.calloways.com](http://www.calloways.com).



## What have we been doing?

HOA fence has been repaired and stained on Lillian Miller and Wind River.

## A Public Service Announcement from your Local TP'ers (Sarcasm of Course)

By Steve Summers

Why do you judge us who think TP'ing is wrong? Don't you have a sense of humor? How is it not funny to mess up and disrespect another person's property? We, "THE TP'ers" are not uptight as some people might think, and we do have a life, but we don't understand you. Why don't you think getting your yard TP'ed is funny?

1. It clearly shows disrespect to you and your property, the neighborhood and the environment.
2. It teaches us to be inconsiderate, thinking only of our own "fun and excitement" at your expense.
3. It definitely promotes a waste of time (being destructive, not to mention having to get up early and watch you clean up your yard the morning after) and money (toilet paper isn't free ya know).
4. It teaches us that it's OK to not be accountable for our actions or to be mindful of its consequences.

Having said that, I just can't justify how TP-ing can be classified under bad. I've heard that you can be possibly arrested for littering, malicious activity, or some other misdemeanor. Who cares! We are going to have our fun at your expense! Good clean fun, right?



Everyone else is doing it or has done it, and that makes it OK I'm sure. I can think of no other activity or event that I'd rather be doing than trashing your yard. Who needs friends; we've got your house to trash.

My Dad witnessed another neighbors home being tp'd. Unknowingly this girls Mom was driving her and her friends around while they trashed, TP'ed, egged and forked about 3 houses. When they were all done they went home. What they didn't know was a

neighbor got the car description and picture of the car on their cell phone and they called the Police. This Mom was friends with the people whose home she was allowing her kids to TP. Mom got a big surprise when the police approached her and the girls. Yes, they were fined and the girls got in trouble too. Ha, they even got their names in the newspaper! She spent a few days up at the courthouse explaining herself. Wow, how stupid can you be?

So, if you find yourself bored with nothing to do, go be stupid. Be a criminal, and trash someone's yard. It clearly shows your level of intelligence and how well your parents raised you.

## THE OLD CAR THIEF, YOU SORRY INDIVIDUAL

By Steve Summers

### How to deal with vehicle vandalism

An acquaintance in our neighborhood recently returned to their car at the Golden Triangle Mall to find it broken into. Some sorry individual had **nothing** better to do with their time. The car was so heavily vandalized that it would not even **start**. Apparently some thieves looking to steal it created some significant damage.

Vandalism to your vehicle is something most of us **know** can happen, but don't always worry about. Why? Because it always **happens** to someone else. However, it's extremely important to know what to do in the event this happens.

I've written a handful of articles, posts to our website and Facebook page and I felt I should write yet one more article to possibly make someone's **day** a little bit safer.



If you find your vehicle broken into, here are some tips:

#### **1 - Keep important information handy -**

Before you even get into a situation like this, make sure you have your insurance company phone and policy number with you at all times. Keep this information in a date book or other safe place away from the vehicle as well as in the vehicle. Perhaps on a slip of paper in your wallet or purse. Include with it your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and license plate number. Depending on paperwork or a cell phone that was left in

your glove box won't help you if the entire car is stolen or has been rifled through.

**2 - Call the Police -** Insist that they come to the **location** so you can file a report. Get the name and contact number of the officer who takes the **report**, and find out when and where you can get a copy of the report. This information will be **important** later on when dealing with your insurance company.

**3 - Contact your insurance company immediately -** They will take down relevant information and guide you as to what to do. Make sure you ask them any questions you may have, such as towing or rental car needs. Don't assume anything at all.

**4 - Document everything -** Document all of the **damage** done, as well as any missing items. If the vehicle was damaged when in the hands of a valet, garage, or when under the care of another party, go over the list with them and fill out any necessary paperwork. Request a copy of this paperwork, although they may claim that company **policy** prevents them from giving it to you.