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## *You think it's HOT ? So do your plants!*

August is normally one of the hottest and driest times of the year, and your plants know it. We would like to make people aware of some of the things plants do when it is this warm.

Reaction #1, "I don't know why my grass is yellow! I watered it!" Watering is not the only thing grass needs, it needs a correct dose of food during the right times. The turf needs certain nutrients to help promote deeper root growth, maintain the nutrients in the blade without being flushed out with water, and thicker canopy to help prevent water evaporation from the soil.

Reaction #2, "I am running my irrigation a lot more to combat the heat, but now my plants are turning yellow." Have you dug a small hole near the plant to confirm wet or dry? The symptoms are pretty much the same but you have to make sure by digging the test hole. Irrigation *does* have to be slightly increased during this time of the year but you have to keep watch to know when there is too much moisture in the ground. Some tell-tell sign that there is too much water, look for mushrooms, nutsedge, and a sponge effect when walking.

The best advice is to hire a local professional from



Rentz Landscape Management to come and walk you through the process of checking your plants and yard to ensure your entire landscape is healthy.

### News Corner

- Congratulations to Arch Street Apartment Homes for being the July Property of the Month
- Surveys will be coming out in about a month and we will really appreciate the feedback on how we are doing. We will use this information to better ourselves so please be honest.

## *Kickoff coming soon!*

We all know what time of the year it is because of all the trash talking that has began. Weather you pull for Auburn, Alabama, LSU, or any other school you have starting creating your fantasy teams or starting reading all the headlines around your team.

It is the time of the year that any southerner loves.

As time has progressed we have noticed a trend of larger parties and many of them being outdoors with projection screens. Here at Rentz we have started doing

research of our own, and that is to help create the ultimate "tailgate" area in your own backyard for entertaining. Our staff of highly trained individuals are more than happy to help customize your personal space into a true entertaining area.

## Trending “At Home” Tailgate Gear



Some of the hot items for football season this year are definitely worth looking into getting for your yard.

Most are centered around the two main items, the game, and the food. We have also taken it a step further and added comfort.

The project you see to your left is a special de-

signed pergola with swings and a projector screen to watch the big game. Now if you were to add the project you see below in the middle of your pergola swing set you have all three items covered. You now have the game on the screen, food

cooking in the center, and comfort by being in a swing once your full. You have better ideas? Let Rentz Landscape Management help you design and install them at your home or business.



## Synthetic Turf... Forever Green Grass

**“Would you like to trade 30 turf mowings, chemical applications, and irrigation cost in exchange for quarterly cleaning of your synthetic turf?”**

Synthetic Turf has come a long way since the old Astro turf design. Now days you can get different colors, textures, lengths, and even tread count!

We at Rentz are experienced in installing synthetic turfs in many applications. It can be ideal for your pet parks that you never can seem to

keep the turf alive, or high traffic areas that border a pool, pergola, mailbox, etc.

Upkeep is very cost effective as well. Would you like to trade those 30 turf mowings, chemical applications, and irrigation cost in exchange for quarterly cleaning of your synthetic turf? (Once a

month cleaning for Pet Parks) The savings are amazing,! You will pay yourself back for your synthetic turf within 1-2 years by the amount you save on not having all the other items.



## Football Turf - What it takes....

We are all guilty show up to the big game and say wow that field looks amazing! I wish my yard looked half that good. We have all been there, but we never really know how much goes into making it that great. Athletic Turf is a constant science with many many hours of work put into the care of it. I am going to give you a very high level overview of what it take to have that field ready on a game week. This is not counting the year round care of the turf but

just a game week.

Our week is going to be starting at 5am on a Sunday since the big game ended last night. We walk out and see our baby (the field) has holes all in it and sprigs of grass sticking up everywhere. We spend the day filling the holes with sand and new sod if needed as well as feeding and watering the turf. Mowing will be back on schedule Monday morning with mowing occurring twice a day. We will continue top

dress the entire field to give a good playing surface and forcing the turf to grow and fill in all the holes that were made last Saturday. Thursday we will start some of the painting. The painting process will continue all day Friday into late night and touch up Saturday morning before kickoff.

This was a very basic coverage but know that over 200 man hours per week of work is required to give you the WOW effect for a 3 hour game.



## Dehydration... Know the signs

Dehydration occurs when you use or lose more fluid than you take in, and your body doesn't have enough water and other fluids to carry out its normal functions. If you don't replace lost fluids, you will get dehydrated.

**Mild to moderate dehydration is likely to cause:** Dry, sticky mouth, Sleepiness or

tiredness — children are likely to be less active than usual, Thirst, Decreased urine output, No wet diapers for three hours for infants, Few or no tears when crying, Dry skin, Headache, Constipation, Dizziness or lightheadedness, **Severe dehydration, a medical emergency, can cause:** Extreme thirst, Very dry mouth, skin and mucous membranes,

Sunken eyes, Shriveled and dry skin that lacks elasticity and doesn't "bounce back" when pinched into a fold, Low blood pressure, Rapid heartbeat, Rapid breathing, No tears when crying, Fever, In the most serious cases, delirium or unconsciousness.

**A better indicator is the color of your urine: Clear or light-colored urine means you're well hydrated, whereas a dark yellow or amber color usually signals dehydration.**

## SEC Media Days Highlights

Here are truly the highlights. Feel free to look up the headlines listed below for more of the story.

- ◆ Alabama picked to win the conference.
- ◆ Three new coaches introduced, South Carolina's Will Muschamp, Mis-

souri's Barry Odom and Georgia's Kirby Smart

- ◆ Tennessee on the Rise (picked to win the East)
- ◆ Ole Miss Investigation probably to drag into 2017 as well.



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*Thank you all for taking time to read the first edition of the Rentz Landscape monthly newsletter. We are excited about many of the changes that are coming to the organization in the coming months. Our main goal has always been customer satisfaction and we are taking steps to increase response time and to stay ahead of the curve. We look forward to our growing stage and hope we don't cause any discomfort for you, the client.*

*As always feel free to contact us at anytime with feedback or questions. After all the changes are for you as much as they are for us. Have a great day and a terrific month.*

*Sincerely,*

*Rentz Management Team*

## Smoked Spicy Chicken Wings!



### Ingredient List

- ◆ 3 Cups Hickory Wood Chips (soak in water 2 hours)
- ◆ 3 Pounds Chicken Wings
- ◆ 2 Tablespoons Cajun seasoning (or more as needed)
- ◆ 2 Tablespoons Butter (Real butter, salted)
- ◆ 2 Tablespoons Minced Garlic
- ◆ 2 Tablespoons Cajun Seasoning
- ◆ 16 ounces Hot Sauce (Frank's Red Hot)
- ◆ 4 Cups Vegetable Oil

1. Preheat smoker to 200 degrees F and add 1 cup wood chips
2. Liberally coat chicken wings with about 2 table-spoons of Cajun seasoning
3. Place wings directly on grate in smoker. Cook for approx. 2 hours adding wood as needed to keep smoke rolling.
4. Combine butter, garlic, and 2 tablespoons Cajun seasoning in a large saucepan over medium-low heat; cook and stir until butter is melted. Stir hot sauce into butter mixture; simmer stirring occasionally, until sauce has thickened, about 30 minutes.
5. Heat Oil in a deep-fryer or large saucepan to 375 degrees F
6. Preheat grill to 375 degrees F
7. Cook Wings, 10-12 at a time, in the deep fryer until wings are no longer pink in the center and are lightly browned on the outside, 5-7 minutes, remove from oil.
8. Place on baking sheet to liberally coat each wing with hot sauce.
9. Place coated wings directly onto the grates of preheated grill. Cook until sauce has caramelized and wings are crisp, 2-3 minutes per side.
10. Enjoy!