



## **FIG WHITEFLY UPDATE**

The Fig Whitefly pest continues to cause problems in the South Florida landscape. Dr. Catherine Mannion, Associate Professor of Ornamental Entomology at the UF/IFAS Tropical Research and Education Center in Homestead, FL, offers the following tips to manage the new pest that might be lurking in your Ficus hedges:

- Monitor for early signs of infestation and natural enemies
- Best form of treatment is to apply a systemic insecticide to the soil
- Limited foliar recommendations
- Before using insecticides make sure your Ficus plants show signs of live whiteflies
- Choose insecticides that are not detrimental to natural enemies in our environment
- Consider alternative plant options when planting a new tree or shrub

If you have concerns about your Ficus plants, please give Modern Image Landscape & Design a call. For more information on the Fig Whitefly, you can also visit Dr. Mannion's website at <http://mannion.ifas.ufl.edu/>



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## MULCH: The Classic Cover Up

If you are looking for a quick and cost-effective way to spruce up your property's landscape appeal, consider mulch. Derived from the German word "molsch", which means "softly rotted", mulch is anything used to cover soil surface around plants. You can use either organic mulch such as cypress chips or red mulch or inorganic mulch such as lava rock and gravel. The choice of what material to use varies depending upon your landscape settings, but organic mulches are much less expensive than rock and better for the plants.

Besides offering immediate visual appeal, mulch offers some practical benefits such as reducing weeds, keeping soil temperatures protected from extremes and limiting soil moisture evaporation. For newly landscaped beds, it is advised to apply a uniform 2 -3 inch layer. You should plan to top dress the mulch by about 1 ½ inches annually to replenish that which has decomposed. Mulch can be applied by hand or for large surface areas we recommend using a "blow on" technique that allows you to reduce your costs dramatically.

We recommend adding mulch to your arsenal of landscape improvement tools. You'll be pleased by the immediate results and how it helps to stretch your landscape budget dollar. If the landscape needs some sprucing up, mulch is often the best bang for your buck in terms of overall visual appeal.



## SERVICES OFFERED

- Grounds Maintenance
- Irrigation Repair
- Landscape Installation
- Fertilization
- Ornamental Pest Control
- Tree Trimming
- Design/Build

We are fully licensed and insured. We are a licensed Broward County tree trimmer (License #B-519) and a licensed Irrigation Contractor (License #08-CLS-14866-X). We also hold a state license to perform ornamental pest control (License #LC155395).

We are active members of BOMA Ft. Lauderdale/Palm Beaches, SEFAA (Southeast Florida Apartment Association) and FNGLA (Florida Nursery, Growers & Landscape Association).

## CLIENT CORNER

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Managed by CBRE, Inc.

Modern Image currently has the pleasure of maintaining the landscapes at AMTEC Center, AMTEC 10 and AMTEC IV. Managed by CBRE, Inc., these three office/service buildings are located in the prestigious Arvida Park of Commerce in the city of Boca Raton. Since taking on the project last spring, we've worked closely with property manager Vanessa Caceres, RPA to improve the landscape's overall appeal. Landscape improvements will continue to be made through winter/spring 2009.



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