

Property at a glance

Location: Oasis Pines, Las Vegas, NV

Staff: J.R. Landcare Group, Inc.

Category: Condominium Complex

Total budget: \$41,530

Year site built: 1996

Acres of turf: 5

Acres of woody ornamentals: 4

Acres of display beds: 3.5

Total paved area: 5 acres

Total man-hours/week: 48.5

Maintenance challenges

- ▶ Combatting desert heat
- ▶ Dealing with pets and their deposits
- ▶ Handling tenant vandalism

Project checklist

- ▶ Turf reduction
- ▶ Installation of irrigation controls
- ▶ Irrigation renovation/upgrades

On the job

- ▶ 20 full-time staff, 20 seasonal employees

Oasis Pines

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he desert can be rough. Just ask the employees of the J.R. Landcare Group, who have grown accustomed to 100-plus degree temperatures and bone-dry conditions working on landscapes in and around Las Vegas, NV.

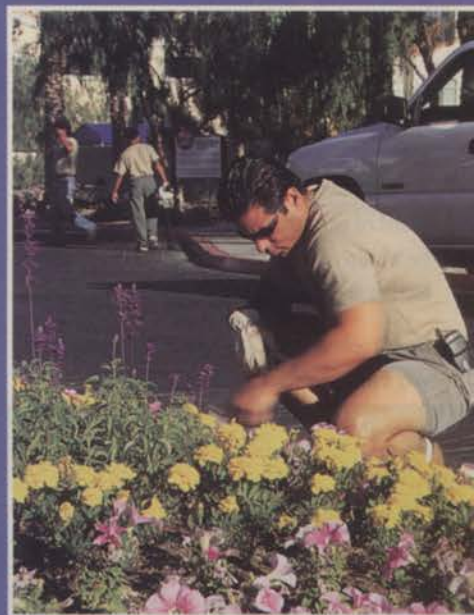
As everybody knows, water is gold out west, which is why the J.R. Landcare Group is big on designing water-efficient landscapes. The company's also good at it, having recently won first place from the Southern Nevada Water Authority in the category of commercial maintenance for designing a landscape judged to be both beautiful and water-efficient.

One example is the grounds at Oasis Pines, a gated 320-unit condominium community nestled in the Mojave Desert that features pools, spas, gazebos, barbecues, picnic areas, beautiful paseos and desert garden areas.

Within the last two years, crew members have reduced the amount of turf on the grounds and upgraded the irrigation system without sacrificing the natural beauty of the site. In between, they've

also managed to handle the continual cleanup of fecal matter from residents' pets and mend the occasional tire track from a late night "turfing" session.

J.R. Landcare Group president Rob Diaz casts a critical eye over one of Oasis Pines' many flower beds.



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The pool area at Oasis Pines features water-efficient plantings.

