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We are still on "winter break" from caring for the cactus. We will start a watering schedule in early March depending what kind of rains we will have during the coming month. I will put out a cactus watering schedule at that time. Watering goes by temp. Cactus thrive better with less water rather than too much water.

I have about 20 cactus propagating on my patio ready to plant in March. I only hope the javalina won't find them before they get well rooted. This is our biggest problem. Because of them and the fact that many of our previous plantings were uprooted and destroyed. We decided it won't work to have an area on our grounds without an elaborate substantial fence. Right now this isn't in the budget. But we will plant in the spring and hope for the best.

I appreciate all your requests for plant considerations. We will be planting starting in March. There is one comment I have about plant removal. If something is growing well and established we will not remove these plants because you don't like them. It takes years for them to get established and thrive in our climate. There is a tree like prickly pear many think are dying. They have a trunk that looks like that of a tree but it isn't dying. This is how they grow. We will not be removing them.

Those of you who will be here this summer, I'll be asking for your help in watering the common areas around your villas and the circles. We can all take a part of making Villas West a beautiful environment.

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