



The Picture Perfect Times

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A Newsletter from
Picture Perfect Landscape & Christmas Decor

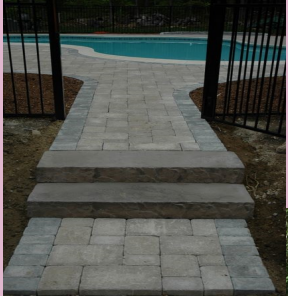
*Celebrating over 25 years of
quality landscape services*



I know I don't even have to go into the kind of winter we have had so far. A extreme cold to start, then a bit of milder temps during February. Who knows how it will end and when spring will actually start this year. As always only time will tell. As you can imagine, it's easy for a company like ours to just get swamped the first nice week of spring all of a sudden. Our goal has always been to take care of our existing customers first. That's why we send out our spring mulching and pruning proposals now, and offer incentives for those of you that sign up for services early. This is always our first work that we do, and gets the ball rolling for us. We offer you great value with a locked in price and also saves dramatically on the amount of labor, and the amount of mulch needed to do this before the shrubs start to leaf out, any perennial flowers start to emerge and we have to work around them, weeds start to pop up, and the temperatures are still cool to work in. Lets face it-doesn't it feel good to come home and have your yard cleaned up, smell great, & know that spring is finally here?

Timing of Projects:
We usually start early March thru 1st week in April with our cleanups, prunings, and mulch installations along with starting landscape projects like walkways & patios as soon as the snow disappears. Once the weather warms up and the threat of frost is past, we then move into plantings in May/June. Spring offers the best selection of trees, shrubs, and flowers. The nurseries are overflowing with lush flowering materials just waiting for a new home to go to. New lawns and seeding are a little further away when the temps stay above 50 degrees at night. Please give us a call if we can answer any questions. You don't have to wait until the snow melts to start planning your 2018 Spring & Summer Projects. All the Planning, designing, and budgeting can take time and multiple meetings depending on the complexity of the project. We want to get it just the way you want it so let's talk now...

New Paver and Stair Options



Spring Plantings & Landscape Renovations

Did Mother Nature really do a number on your shrubs and trees the last few seasons? Or maybe you're tired of that evergreen look that's happening in your yard after so many years. We can help your dated landscape with some spring/summer color & textures. If you would like to budget your yard renovation into phases, we can work with you over the next few months. Step one is removing unwanted shrubs now in spring and then step 2 is working with us to design an updated planting in the summer or fall. Spring is also a great time to plant a privacy hedge of trees or shrubs. Take advantage of the cooler evenings now which means less watering. Call or email today to setup a time with Ron or Kim to walk the area.



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"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" This especially holds true with your plantings. Preventive pruning in early Spring and again around the Fourth of July will help keep your plantings healthy and full plus prevent them from becoming over grown. Wait too long and they may be beyond saving and then need to be removed or replaced. Most planting beds should be trimmed back slightly in the early spring, and a topdressing of mulch applied to dress things up, keep roots cool, and prevent weeds. An application of "Preen" pre-emergent weed control put down at this time will greatly cut down on any weed growth throughout the season. Mid-summer, around the fourth of July weekend after the majority of growing for the season has occurred, is the next time to prune and tighten up your shrubs that will last the rest of the year. Give us a call if we can answer any questions for you, or give you a free quote on doing this work for you.

Spring Cleanup Pruning & Mulching



Kim's Corner

Early Spring Design and Free Landscape Estimates



You don't have to wait until it's 70 degrees out to start thinking about what you would like to do to your landscape. You should be able to enjoy the outdoors as soon as the weather warms up. I have been working with a new 3D computer design program that lets you see what it will look like before it goes in. Working with Ron over the past 18 years, I understand how to incorporate different textural shrubs and colorful foliage plants to keep landscapes vibrant throughout the summer and fall, but keep sensible maintenance in mind. Today's busy homeowners don't have the time to prune hedges, weed, or dead-head flowers every weekend to keep their yards looking good. With the right combination of shrubs, grasses and trees, you can obtain a landscape that is appealing based on its shape, color, texture, and hardiness and not have to spend as much time or money on maintaining them. This allows for more quality time enjoying family and catching up with friends. Ron plans and prepares all winter for spring attending both seminars and conferences around the country to educate himself and stay on top of new plants, products, and the latest equipment to bring the best options to our customers. He has me in the office designing, answering questions & scheduling appointments while our 2 foremen are in the shop organizing and prepping equipment. Our customers are our most important asset so each year we try to encourage our existing clients to plan early so we can better serve them come spring. Easter is a little earlier this year & other special events like Mother's Day, weddings, graduations, and summer parties take time to plan for, so let us help you with your spring and summer outdoor chores so you can plan the inside party details for your special day!



Front Entrance Curb Appeal

Anticipating my time outdoors... This year, the official first day of spring is March 20th and it can't come soon enough! If you're like me and can't stand the cold I like to start preparing early by listing the items I would like to get done starting with spring cleanups and planning my garden for the warm months ahead. Many stores are already displaying outdoor patio furniture, gazebos, grills and other accessories. I'll keep you posted if you follow on my blogs and Facebook...
 Good luck with your spring gardening! *Kim*

Are you having problems visualizing your next landscape project?

One of the biggest problems some homeowners face with landscape design is trying to visualize the final project. Most people just keep their fingers crossed and hope it will turn out well. At Picture Perfect Landscape that is not good enough. We offer our exclusive "**Virtual Landscape Designs**" and estimates. The highly detailed pictures and walkthrough functions of this program will allow you to get a better feeling of what your new project will look like when finished. We can add details like different furniture, trees, shade structures, etc. with a click of the mouse to help find solutions for your particular situation. We want to make it easy for you to see our ideas for your property and to fine tune them & make any changes to budgets and plans **BEFORE** we start building. This service is offered during the slower **winter and early spring months** to allow us to concentrate on the time and details needed to create these drawn to scale computer 3D renderings. This way our clients are ready to go as soon as the weather warms up in the spring and the nurseries have the best selection of plants, shrubs, and trees to offer. If this is something you would be interested in, we can **schedule a free consultation now** even if there is still snow on the ground. We can talk about budget and ideas for your space and then go back and take the photos and fine tune any measurements once the snow starts to disappear! Give us a call or email our office today to discuss your landscape plans! It's never too early to start planning especially if you need to implement the project in phases.



3D Design



3D Plans and Video Images...

Party Time!

Planning a graduation party this summer? How about hosting casual dinner parties with family and friends? Add a little wow factor to your backyard and transform a boring deck or existing patio into a destination made for outdoor entertaining. We can help you make your house the one that friends and family want to be at during those sunny days and cool nights. Add cool water or a warm fire & the next thing you know folks will be inviting themselves to your next cocktail gathering or patio party. *Contact us today and let us show you what is possible.*

Expand Your Outdoor Areas...



Fireplaces allow you to extend your time outside

Outdoor Living Rooms: Many homeowners are putting a lot of thought & planning into their home additions these days. Create an open outdoor living area with a view of your backyard for the warmer seasons by installing an open gazebo/canopy on a patio with side curtains for privacy & protection from the elements and insects. You can even create different areas on a paver patio for relaxing with a good book, grilling, enjoying a fire, children's area with picnic table, entertaining with friends around a bar...the ideas are endless. Let us show you how to create an outdoor patio designed for your lifestyle and specific needs. Below are some additional items that can add to your enjoyment when spending time on your paver patio with your loved ones and friends.

Fire Pit Options



Let us create an outdoor room like this for your back yard...



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Visit: <http://www.woodlanddirect.com/> for more ideas on fire places, fire pits, tables, bowls (either with propane or wood burning options.) Our designers can show you ideas that are available to you depending on your particular budget. We can create a 3D design video exploring your yard and its possibilities. Contact us today to go over your project and ideas.

Benefits of Canopies, Outdoor Rugs & Curtains:

- Complete the "outdoor room" feel and soften your hardscape
- Create traction & make barefoot walking more comfortable
- Define spaces and absorb noise
- Compliment and protect your patio furniture
- Low maintenance: to clean just spray with hose/water and let air dry

Tip Did your canopy for your gazebo get damaged last year or just need to be replaced due to wear & tear? Check out: <http://www.gardenwinds.com> for a replacement canopy for your gazebo or patio umbrella. Also check out <http://www.overstock.com> for some good deals on outdoor furniture and other items like rugs or patio heaters. Many local stores already have their patio furniture including outdoor rugs and accessories out on display. SAMS Club and Home Depot have great deals and ideas. With our design program, we can help you determine the exact size space you will need for a new patio. And when you find a gazebo or new furniture and you know the dimensions, we can let you know if you can get that table with 6 chairs or 8.



Services We Offer...

Complete Design Service including 3D video plans

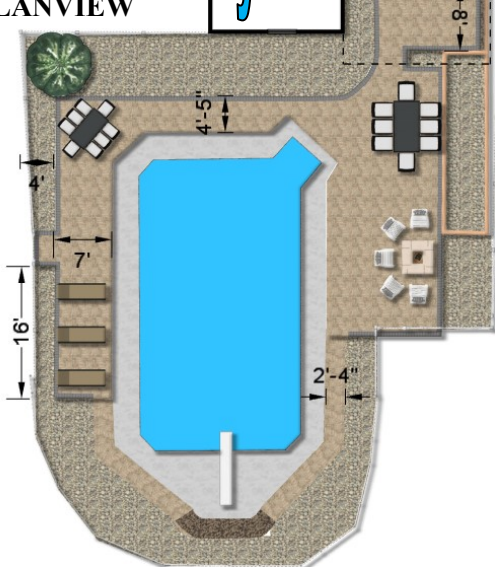
- ◆ Walkways Patios and Outdoor Areas-Landscape Plantings Plant bed pruning, edging, and mulching; also privacy screening trees and lower maintenance plantings
- ◆ Retaining Walls, Playscape or Shed Area and Water Features: Waterfalls, Ponds, & Streams

Update an overgrown or dated front entrance area.



DRAWN TO SCALE PLANVIEW

Did you have a new pool installed or looking to update your old one?



FINISHED PROJECT

Simplify Your Life...Let Us Beautify Your Landscape