

Fall 2019



The Picture Perfect Times

A Newsletter from
Picture Perfect Landscape / Christmas Decor

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Summer is coming to a close...

Time to enjoy those local fairs and celebrate the fall season while warm. September is a perfect time to get those landscape projects done while the weather is still nice. Do you have a project that needs to be completed before another winter sets in? Perhaps it's a walkway, patio or stair that needs attention. Do you have an older retaining wall that's leaning and needs repair or replacement? Maybe its something as simple as cleaning up your planting beds, weeding and pruning and mulching for winter protection or updating the look of your yard to put your house on the market this fall. With the summer coming to a close, you can still enjoy the outdoors a little longer by creating a fire pit area to enjoy with friends and family during the evenings especially going into autumn. Extend your living space outdoors this year and enjoy the beautiful weather...

**Give us a call or email us today and
Let us show you how!!!
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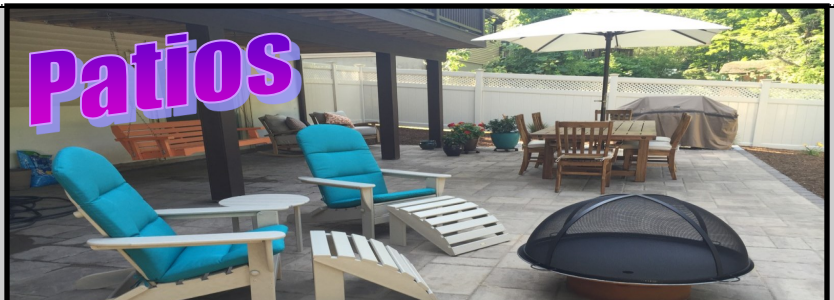


Pruning & Watering

After such a rainy spring, It is important to make sure you do not ignore your plantings. That means giving them a pruning sometime in early fall if flower buds have not set yet. If branches become leggy, they are more prone to breakage due to fall windstorms or heavy winter snow. Also keep on eye on the weather especially with dry and hot conditions that happen during the summer. You will have to give your plantings a deep watering at least once a week or you risk stressing out your trees and shrubs. Yellowing or browning foliage this time of year means the plant needs water. Occasional thunderstorms may not be enough for some plants.



Gator Watering bags help assist with watering trees. **Mulch:** We sell and deliver dark brown, shredded, pine bark mulch for your landscaping needs. We can either install it for you or just deliver it so you can do it yourself. Call us today for a quote on our pruning & mulching service. It's not too late to spruce up your landscaping and give it some protection going into the winter!



Patios

Extend your family's quality time outdoors this fall with an inviting fire on the patio...

Reminder that we will be shutting down our landscaping services starting first week of October to transition into our Holiday Decorating and Lighting again. All of our crews will be installing lights on buildings and trees before Halloween and then they will be busy putting up all the wreaths, garlands, and bows starting in November for the up-





Lawns have better success in late summer/early fall

Once the hot temperatures of summer are past, we get to enjoy the much cooler evenings of August and September. This makes it easier to keep grass seed moist during germination. The young plants have **better growing conditions** without extreme heat. Most of the **weeds** that compete with grass are dead and **diseases** are under control for the rest of the year. Weed and disease chemicals cannot be sprayed on new grass without injuring or killing it.

The new grass will have the fall and spring **seasons to mature** before facing all the stress of next summer: heat, traffic, competition, mowing, inappropriate watering, diseases, etc.

Planting at this time of year avoids several **springtime problems**: cool soil temperatures delay germination; soil may be too moist to prepare; weeds dominate the early growing months. Higher percentages of seed germination are likely since soil temperature and moisture levels are more favorable or can be controlled more readily. Plus you can apply weed control once the grass is 5-6 weeks old and has had its first cutting.

*The best time to seed lawns is from late summer until early fall (August 15 to September 30) while the soil temperature is optimal. Late summer lawn seeding is best because the soil is still warm (faster germination), watering will not be as much of a problem, there are fewer weed problems, and the cool season grasses in the mix will have a better chance of getting established.

Water seeds in thoroughly with a fine mist. Once the seed is planted, make sure that the soil is kept evenly moist until germination. After the seeds germinate, you can water more heavily but less frequently. **DO NOT OVER WATER**, and do not use a strong spray. You don't want to drown the seeds, nor do you want to wash them away.

Water will continue to be a prime concern for your new lawn. About one inch of water per week (rainfall plus irrigation) will be required until your lawn is well established. You may mow a newly seeded turf when the grass is 2 1/2-3 inches tall. Use a SHARP mower so the grass is cut cleanly, and the plants are not pulled out of the ground. Do not cut the grass too short, about 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 inches is a good height. After the first mowing you may apply a high nitrogen, turf fertilizer (23-4-6) at one-half the application rate recommended on the bag. Water immediately to prevent possible foliar burn.

September is a great times to plant:

Cooler evenings & great plant and tree selection available this time of year! *Cut down on lawn areas and weeds with bark mulch or larger stone and a simple planting to enhance your landscape...*



Are You Looking to Update Your Landscape or Putting Your House on The Market next spring?

If your landscape is mature or just overgrown, we recommend removing a few unwanted plants, weeds, pruning the shrubs worth keeping and then adding some new specimens to create some much welcome curb appeal.

Applying a layer of mulch or stone will finish it all off and gives your home a fresh start for you and any potential homebuyers!

Fall is Here. Did you put off that project because your spring was too busy? Maybe its something as simple as cleaning up your planting beds and updating the look of your dated or damaged landscape with some newer lower maintenance shrubs. Over the years walkways and patio areas usually need some cleaning up due to dirt and debris from trees like pollen and sap or moss/weeds. Pavers and cobblestone need resetting or walkway edging can pop up over time especially with Connecticut's fluctuating temperatures. Weather (rain and snow) sure can do damage in a short period of time especially causing drainage issues that only worsen over time if not addressed properly. Perhaps Mother Nature's critters are to blame-insects like ants, chipmunks and moles are the top 3 homewreckers and need to be addressed each season. Maybe you would like to create your own backyard oasis off your deck or patio with either a low maintenance sitting garden or cooling water feature. Design a fire pit area to enjoy with friends and family during the evenings especially going into the cooler autumn season. Extend *your* living space outdoors this year and enjoy the beautiful New England weather while it lasts since we know winter will be here in a few months...



Give us a call or email today and our landscape team can show you how!!!

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Reminder landscaping services will be available until first week of October only before we start Holiday Lighting for the upcoming season. Once school is back in our schedule fills up quickly!



End of Season Maintenance



Pruning & Weeding: Seems like it hasn't stopped raining since last summer! And with 2 late springs both having March snowstorms back to back seems like the trees, shrubs and weeds are on steroids. After such a rainy spring it is important to make sure you do not ignore your plantings. That means if they are getting overgrown you have to give your plants a pruning sometime after the 4th of July since new spring plant growth is pretty much done for the rest of the year now that the heat and some drier weather is here. If plants and especially shrubs and ornamental trees become leggy, they are more prone to breakage in the late summer/early fall wind storms and any heavy winter snow. Also keep on eye on the weather especially with dry and hot conditions that can exist during the summer. You will have to give your plantings and lawns a deep watering at least once a week or you risk stressing out your trees and shrubs. Stress makes plants and lawns more prone to disease or insect damage. **Gator Watering bags** can help assist with watering trees providing slow watering down deep to the roots. **Mulch:** Dress-up planting beds with fresh mulch. Mulch helps retain moisture keeping plant roots cool, creates a barrier for weeds, and gives your landscape a finished look. We sell and deliver our dark brown, shredded, pine/hemlock bark mulch for your landscaping needs. We can either install it for you or just deliver it so you can do it yourself. Also remember to use weed spray like Roundup, Natria or Avenger to kill existing weeds and then Preen weed preventer sprinkled on top of mulch, stone or sweep it into the joints of your walkway, drive or cobblestone. Visit our website for more info on landscape and lawn maintenance tips and Call us today for a quote on our weeding, pruning & mulching service. It's time to spruce up your landscaping for summer!



Weed, Prune Edge Beds & Mulch



update plantings with fall color

Planning a fall party? Spruce up your landscape & impress your friends & family by visiting our website for new ideas on updating your yard. A little change can go a long way.

Create useful areas in your backyard that you can enjoy with your family and friends. *Cut down on lawn areas and weeds with mulch or larger river stone...*



Clean Dining Space for Entertaining

Outdoor Patios Areas: Many homeowners are putting a lot of thought & planning into their home additions these days. There are many options available.

You can include the use of partially enclosed gazebos with either canopies or pergolas as a roof for shading and adding privacy. Sometimes an oversized patio umbrella and an outdoor fan is all you need to get some cool shade. Create a clean outdoor living space with a view of your backyard for the warmer seasons by installing an open gazebo/canopy on a patio with side curtains for privacy and protection from the elements and insects. You can even create different areas on a concrete paver patio for sitting & 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 design an outdoor patio designed for your lifestyle and specific needs keeping in mind easy to take care of. Great for entertaining or just relaxing after a long day and it will give many years of enjoyment for both family and friends. Call us today for a free consultation & quote. Take advantage of our more flexible summer schedule and explore *your* possibilities today!!!

Extend your family's quality time outdoors this fall with an inviting fire...

One of today's hottest trends in outdoor entertaining is incorporating fireplaces, outdoor fire pits, and grills or chimneys in your backyard so you can enjoy a cozy fire during spring, summer, and fall. For decades homeowners out West and down South, have extending their quality time outdoors with family and friends by installing heating elements that are functional as well as enjoyable. Instead of the pool or Jacuzzi that doesn't quite get used as often when company comes over, they create an area with benches and chairs with an inviting fire to gather around safely. Enjoy a delicious meal outdoors and then have a place to converse or to enjoy romanti-

Customize a backyard living area for cleaner usable space and your lifestyle...



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Unilock fire pit area and sitting wall for entertaining.



Above is a more informal area to relax and enjoy. Created with cobbles edging, crushed stone and mulch.

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Retaining Walls



Concrete Walls offer grading and retaining solutions with style and durability



Sloped Areas

New or replacement concrete stairs and stepping stones for sloped areas



Custom Patios



Create usable space for your family's outdoor activities and add value to your home



Services We Offer...

Complete Design Service (1,2, and 5 year phased plans available)

- ◆ We can design any project for you so you have a plan before the first stone is turned. By using our computer 3D images or just marking out the property, we can design a project or a plan that can be implemented over several seasons.
- ◆ **Walkways & Patios**-A new walkway with interlocking pavers can be a great addition or upgrade to your existing front yard. A well designed and properly installed walkway will celebrate the entrance to your home providing safety as well. We can also help you create more livable space in your backyard for cookouts, quality time with the family, or some privacy from your neighbors activities with a new updated paver patio.
- ◆ **Retaining Walls**-have a falling rock or rotting wooden wall? Concrete blocks that are versatile and attractive now come in a variety of colors and styles form formal to a more weathered natural stone look to fit your style and budget. Take care of erosion problems & slope areas, easier mowing, or create an area for plants & shrubs.
- ◆ **Playscape or Shed Area**-prepping and leveling a specific area in your yard before you have it scheduled and delivered
- ◆ **Landscape Plantings**-After consulting with you, through proper design, we use plants that compliment each other and that are appropriate for the location. This ensures an attractive landscape throughout the year, with sensible maintenance.
- ◆ **Plant bed pruning, edging, and mulching**-let us take care of maintenance once or twice a season for a professional look
- ◆ **Water Features: Waterfalls, Ponds, & Streams**-many unique options including Pondless and energy efficient remote controlled waterfalls available to fit within *your* budget and lifestyle.

Starting October to February each year

- ◆ **Christmas Décor Holiday Decorating & Lighting**-whether for the holidays or that special occasion we can create a festive atmosphere with professional lighting throughout your landscape to celebrate in style

Celebrating Our 20th holiday season!

Getting a pool this fall or next spring? Planning to renovate your landscaping or add an outdoor patio space next year?

We do winter designing and estimating starting in late February and early March so you can get a jump on spring projects as soon as the weather warms up.

We have the vision, the right people, the experience, & the most productive tools and processes to achieve one goal. To be able to give you the best service available!

Check out our design services and photo galleries and get some fall and winter inspiration!





*ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS
& LEAVE THE
DECORATING TO US*

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Full Service Holiday Decorating Providers



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Home



*Experience the
Magic this Season...
We Do It All For You!*

We focus on highlighting the areas you are interested in decorating this season, whether it's for a special event, gathering with family & friends or creating a welcoming atmosphere at your business for holiday shoppers. **We will:**

1. Create a **design** for those areas where decorating can give you the most **VALUE**. 2. Provide a **menu** of different **items and prices** for **You** to pick and choose from to fit your budget. Our Full Service includes a professional **installation, commercial quality product, seasonal maintenance, and removal/storage after the season.**

Let us showcase **your** style this season and make your Holidays Hassle Free!

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Business



Daytime Decor & Enhancements

