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Changing the Way you Relax...

Keeping it cool!

Conditions in the landscape are even drier than last month. As we have mentioned before, turf, ground covers, shrubs & trees are nature's air conditioners so it's important that we maintain them well. This is particularly important for newly installed landscape plants during the heat of the summer.

Please water your valuable landscape plantings to help them cope with summer stress. Depending on rainfall levels, plants should have 1-1½ inches of water per week. While many of you are planning your summer vacation, it is important to make arrangements to have your plants watered during your absence. It's a time consuming but essential burden!

For our clients receiving Lawn

Care Fertilization Applications, watering the turf grass is extremely important! In order for the turf (& weeds) to actively take up applications, they must be actively growing. During this time of year the turf enters a state of dormancy induced by lack of rainfall and summer heat. By watering your turf, you will maximize your investment & create a lush green lawn which creates a cooler environment around your home.



Speaking about cooling effects, have you considered the benefits of shade trees? Investing in

shade trees now will save you money & energy in the future & beautify your landscape.

THE GRUBS ARE BACK IN TOWN



Bad News: White Grubs show up in well kept lawns for one reason. To fatten themselves up by eating the roots of your grass. Grubs feed underground and out of sight. They don't really care if your grass dies in the process. But we do. Let us prevent (or stop) these unwelcome dinner guests before they cause severe damage and turf loss on your property. It's not too late to get to work. Call us today to schedule your grub application!

...keeping our clients informed

IN BLOOM NOW



Devil's Walking Stick



Rose of Sharon



Staghorn Sumac



Japanese Pagoda Tree

Cate's Corner

Ever wished that your annuals & perennials flowered just a little longer? With a little effort your flowers will perform better than ever before. What I'm talking about is deadheading. It's the simple process of removing faded flowers, but before proceeding I advise doing a little research. Not all plants benefit from or require deadheading. It's recommended to determine if the plants in question are good candidates for deadheading. Large flowering types of annuals that are produced on single stems such as celosia, geraniums, marigolds, salvias, zinnias, and others are examples of plants that will respond well. Petunias often become stressed from summer heat resulting in an unattractive appearance. Try cutting leggy growth all the way back for improved vigor and bloom. Some common perennials that respond well to deadheading include chrysanthemum, coreopsis, cosmos, daisies, daylilies, dianthus, echinacea, rudbeckia, and salvia. The exact method of removing the spent flower heads depends on the type of plants your working with. I would avoid deadheading plants that produce showy seed heads, pods or fruits. If I can help please give me a call!

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Featured Project: West Residence, McLean, VA



Our First "Pondless" Waterfall:

We had an extraordinary opportunity at the West Residence to create a soothing landscape retreat. We've been waiting for years to do a job like this! Natural water gardens are our passion! Our client's tastes are very sophisticated and that's something you immediately notice both in and around her home. This was no ordinary landscape installation, this was a dream landscape makeover. Our client wanted us to transform her backyard into something absolutely astonishing! So to get started we removed lawn & plants which were not performing well. Next we excavated a gigantic underground reservoir at the lowest point in the rear garden. The reservoir contains the pumps, hardware & water to supply a never ending flow to an unbelievably natural looking streambed beginning in the uppermost corner of the rear garden. It appears as a natural spring meandering through what was formally an unexciting plot of turf and imposing hardscape. Once the project was underway our client quickly realized that she wanted to expand the scope of work from our initial concept plan. We willingly obliged and wound up installing the following: (31) tons of various types of gravel, boulders, & weathered stepping stones, (7) cubic yards of organic soil amendments, (116) annuals, (108) ground cover plants, (159) perennials, (44) shrubs, (5) trees, (41) bronze lighting fixtures (5) underwater lights in the streambed, a custom sculpted bronze urn fountain, Charleston style hanging baskets, glazed terracotta planters, etc. Incidentally, no concrete was used in the waterfall construction. The most challenging aspect of this job was the limited access to the site. All excavation, material handling & planting was done without use of any machinery. If you'd like more information or maybe even a tour of the actual garden please call. We'd love to tell you more about this exciting project!