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Spring Has Arrived!

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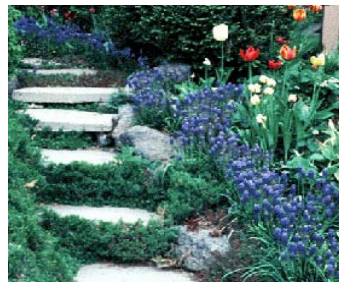
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Soon our temperatures will be rising and our landscapes will come to life. We will see the bulbs explode with color and the beautiful song birds return. Now is the perfect time to make your winter landscape dreams into your summer realities. The

Johnson's Landscaping family looks forward to the busy spring planting season ahead. We always enjoy tending to the gardens of our past customers. We look forward to providing you with your complete spring clean-up, continuing with the next phase of your landscape project, or maintaining your lawn and plantings. We are thankful to our customers who allow us to provide the highest quality landscape services year after year.



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Best Spring Annuals and Perennials

- Primrose 'Miss Indigo'
- Columbine 'Pagoda blue'
- English Daisy 'Polar Red'
- Viola 'Etain'

Please visit your local Johnson's Flower and Garden Center for these flowers and more.

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Featured Service: Landscape Lighting

Lighting your landscape can add a whole new dimension to your property. It offers a creative way to enjoy your property after dark while adding both aesthetic and functional elements to your landscape. Johnson's uses FX luminaire lights that carry a 10-year warranty. FX is made with professional grade components and are not "hardware store toys." Please contact our lighting designers who can custom tailor a plan for your specific wants and needs.



Repairing Winter Damage



The winter season can take its toll on your lawn and landscape with temperature drops and dry winter winds causing leaf dead spots that are a real eyesore. Now that spring has arrived, your garden can use a little extra care to ensure that it recovers from any winter damage and gets off to a strong start for the growing season ahead.

Trees & Shrubs

If you see broken or damaged branches, cut them off at the collar of the branch. You may remove any brown or black leaves damaged by the cold. Try to

limit your activity in your beds with wet soil. You may compact the soil and reduce the flow of oxygen to the roots. Remove mulch and a few inches of soil around trees that are adjacent to your paved surfaces. This is to prevent harmful salt from damaging valuable trees.

Lawn Areas

If dead plant material is visible in your lawn this spring, the best thing to do is to cut it out. The first order of business is to remove any leaves, rocks, sticks or other debris. This should be followed by a

short mowing-short enough to cut out dead plant material and spur new growth. In addition to removing dead plant material, this will help to prevent thatch build-up. After the first mowing, your lawn will greatly benefit from an application of balanced fertilizer. This will help your lawn to outgrow winter damage and to bounce back from any fungus and disease attacks. For more information on spring lawn care, give us a call today. We're here to help keep your lawn looking and growing its very best!

Fine Foliage

The Japanese Maple includes an incredibly diverse and beautiful variety of hybrids. They may vary considerably in leaf shape from the 'typical' Maple leaf, to deeply cut 'Lace leaf' varieties. The foliage colors range from light green to a deep burgundy. The growth habit may be anywhere from a low growing, dwarf weeping variety to a 20 foot tall shade tree. Although Japanese Maples look as though they would be delicate, they are hardy and durable trees, seldom damaged by insect pests or by air pollutants. With such a variety of trees we can select the perfect specimen to be the center piece of your new landscape. Our designers have knowledge of Japanese Maples and can help you to find one to fit your outdoor living space. Some of our favorite Japanese Maples include:



'Aconitifolium'



'Butterfly'



'Kamagata'



'Filigree'



'Coral Bark'

Spring Rains Bring Drainage Problems

A sign of poor drainage in a yard is the existence of standing water. Standing water is defined as water that stays in an area for more than 24 hours after a rainfall, and for homeowners this can be a big problem. Too much water can create a breeding habitat for mosquitoes, it can cause or exaggerate basement water problems, and it can deplete oxygen from the soil needed by turf grasses and other plants. Let Johnson's Landscaping Service alleviate your drainage issues by conducting a site analysis of your property. After our drainage experts determine the problem, we can provide an efficient and cost-effective solution for you. Call us today!

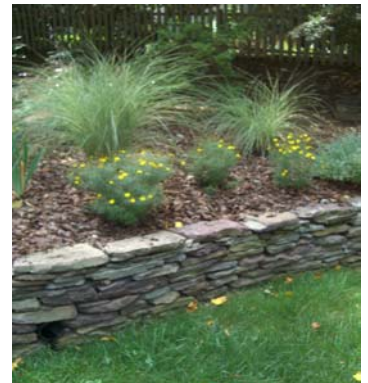


Landscape Solutions: Hills

Is your property on a grade? A retaining wall can help you to reclaim lost space. Would you like to see that steep hill being used for something other than sled riding? Terracing it with retaining walls can create level areas that are not only perfect for planting beds, but much easier to maintain. Retaining walls can be built in a wide variety of sizes and materials, including

natural or cut stone, treated timbers, and pre-cast blocks in assorted colors and textures. Our experienced stonemasons build our walls for maximum strength and durability. It is important to install a proper drainage system with our walls to extend the lifetime of your new wall. Be sure to consider all of the construction materials available, and choose a design that blends in well with your property

while addressing the uses you have planned for the area. When properly designed, retaining walls can add graceful architectural elements to your landscape while improving its overall usefulness. You may be surprised to learn just how functional your landscape can become.



If your lawn and landscape plants seem greener after a thunderstorm, it isn't just your imagination. Each time lightning strikes, nitrogen in the atmos-

Did You Know?

phere combines with Either hydrogen or Oxygen to form Ammonium and nitrate (two different forms of nitrogen). This nitrogen is then washed to the ground in rainfall, where plants absorb it from the soil and use it for growth. Since nitro-

gen is a significant component of chlorophyll, which causes green pigmentation in plants, the plants grow greener after the storm. It is estimated that about 250,000 tons of nitrogen are produced by thunderstorms every day!

Source: National Center for Atmospheric Research

Remember:

Apply the pre-emergent to your lawn to prevent crab grass when the forsythia are in bloom .

Examples of pre-emergent:

- Oxadiazon
- Corn Gluten (organic)

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Get Involved in the Community at Brookside Gardens!



Brookside Gardens is Montgomery County's incomparable, award-winning 50-acre public display garden located within Wheaton Regional Park. Included in the gardens are several distinct areas: Aquatic Garden, Azalea Garden, Butterfly Garden, Children's Garden, Rose Garden, Japanese Style Garden, The Trial Garden, Rain Garden and The Woodland Walk. The Formal

Gardens areas include a Perennial Garden, Yew Garden, the Maple Terrace, and Fragrance Garden. Brookside Gardens also feature two conservatories for year-round enjoyment. **Check out the upcoming events at Brookside Gardens:**

- **Orchid Festival**
Saturday, 3/15 & 3/16,
10 am to 4 pm
Visitors Center Auditorium

- **Spring Display in the Conservatories**
Saturday, January 19 -
Sunday, April 13
10:00 am– 5:00 pm daily
- **Daffodil Show**
Saturday, 4/5, 2:00 pm to
5:00 pm
Sunday, 4/6, 9:00 am to
4:00 pm
Visitors Center

