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The Landscape REPORT

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Let us help you design a great new landscape

We invite you to take a walk. Not a long walk, just to the end of your drive. Now turn around. Does your home look the way you would like, or is it time for some updating?

McCoy Landscape Services, Inc. is ready to help bring your landscape dreams to life. In addition to increasing your home's curb appeal, landscape projects make good financial sense. While a kitchen remodel may recoup 75% of the investment at resale, landscaping may recoup 100%, according to *Money* magazine.

You may have a freshly landscaped entry-way in mind, or maybe a new foundation planting to replace those vintage 1950 shrubs with something colorful and easier to maintain.

Maybe it's the backyard you want to concentrate on, by changing your patio area. Brick paver walks and patios are becoming increasingly popular, with new styles available all the time.

Whatever project you may have in mind, the first step is to call one of the designers at McCoy Landscape. Dave Giles or Matt McCoy will come to visit you for an initial consultation. During this visit, they will gather information about what ideas you may have in mind. If you don't really have any preconceived notions, that's okay, too. They will combine your wishes with their years of experience to produce a landscape design that fits your needs.



Once the design, or master plan, is complete, a budget for the project can be produced. For larger projects, you may want to phase the project in over a period of time. Your designer can assist you in determining priorities for completion and make recommendations to minimize your costs.

When the installation of your project is complete, one of our associates will conduct a final "walk-through" to ensure your complete satisfaction. We'll explain the day-to-day care of your new investment, as well as provide written instructions on how to maintain your project for the years to come.

Spring is the busiest time of the year, so call (740) 375-2730 today to get your project underway!



- Clean up winter's leftovers – leaves that fell late, trash that blew in, sticks and limbs that succumbed to snow, debris from beneath bird feeders. Rid planting beds of any dead foliage.
- Prune tree branches, roses, brambles and non-spring-blooming shrubs.
- Take your lawn mower in for servicing, including blade sharpening, if you didn't do so last fall.
- Inspect other lawn-care tools. Clean, service and repair as needed. Replace if necessary (selections are best now).
- Make sure your lawn gets a treatment that includes fertilizer and a pre-emergent herbicide.
- Put a pre-emergent on your vegetable garden and planting beds, too. Plan where you will plant each variety of crop, remembering to rotate areas to help avoid repeating diseases and other problems.
- Rake mulch coverings off areas where bulb foliage is emerging.
- Tend your compost heap or get one started.
- As soon as soil is workable (soft and crumbly), plant new shrubs and trees.

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Here We 'Grow' Again...



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Surveys show that a well maintained and designed landscape adds 15% to the selling price of a home.
-The Lawn Institute

We appreciate the investment you have made in landscaping your property. A great way to protect that investment is with a landscape spring cleanup.

The spring cleanup includes several important parts.

First, we will prune the plants as needed to achieve a manicured look. We then fertilize the plants to help ensure their good health. If applicable, we will spade-edge to help keep the grass from growing into your beds. This will lessen the amount of time you need to spend pulling stray grass later in the season. If the beds abut concrete walks or the driveway, we'll hard-edge the beds to prevent the mulch from washing onto the hard surface. We will then remove any debris currently in the beds such as

Spring Cleanup

Let us get your landscape looking its best

leaves, twigs, weeds, etc. The final step in the spring cleanup is to re-mulch.

In addition to the cosmetic benefits of re-mulching, there are horticultural benefits, including:

- Conserving moisture in the root zone of the mulched plants by reducing the rate of evaporation from the soil.
- Maintaining a more uniform soil temperature, which reduces root damage.
- Providing an added nutrient supply as the mulch decomposes.

The combination of these processes will bring back the beauty of your landscape for the upcoming season.

Call today to schedule your spring cleanup to avoid the spring rush.

Questions & ANSWERS

Q: I've tried almost everything – bringing in topsoil, seeding every year, fertilizing – but I can't get grass to grow under our large oak trees. Any suggestions?

Cool shade can be welcome in any lawn, but keeping shady areas presentable presents special

challenges. Grass doesn't like to grow without sun, and shady spots can end up barren.

If your heart is set on having grass, try raising and thinning the canopy of the trees to let more sunlight through. You can also try a grass seed, like fine fescue, that is more shade-tolerant. Provide extra water because the tree roots will be sucking up moisture and depriving the grass. For fertilizing, a slow-release fertilizer that

will help your grass develop good roots should be the choice.

For some spots, it makes more sense to use a groundcover to beautify problem areas. Ajuga's dark purplish leaf color makes a nice contrast, and you'll have blue spiky flowers each spring. Other great choices to check out are English ivy, pachysandra, phlox, and heuchera. Hosta also make an outstanding show in the shade.