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# The Landscape REPORT

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## Adding Hardscape to Your Landscape

While many of our clients are familiar with our landscape services, few may realize that we've also become the area's largest installer of hardscapes. Hardscapes can be defined as the walks, patios and retaining walls found around your home or office.

Hardscape projects are handled in much the same way as landscape projects, and are very often done at the same time. The first step generally involves a meeting with one of our designers, all of whom are very experienced at blending our clients' wants and needs into creative design solutions. Once a layout has been determined, material selection follows.

There are many materials available for walks and patios, but pavers are by far the most popular. Pavers are extremely durable, and come in many different styles and colors. In fact, the selection of pavers on the market has grown exponentially from what was available just a few years ago.

In addition to pavers, many new materials can also be used in retaining wall and knee wall projects.

Here are some photos of just a few of the projects we've designed and installed recently. To learn more about our hardscape capabilities, give us a call today.



### KEEP IN TOUCH



We're committed to providing you with prompt, efficient service, helpful advice and a lawn and landscape you can be proud of.

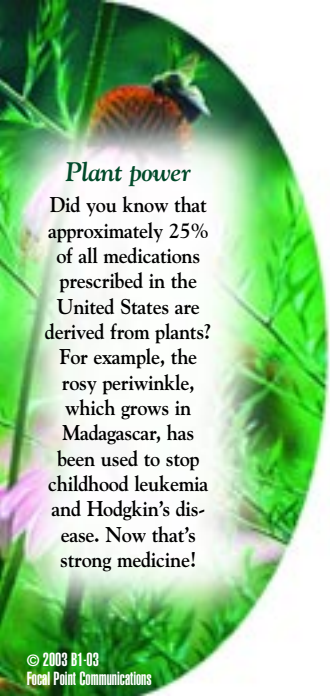
During the growing season ahead, please don't hesitate to contact us when you have questions or concerns regarding your property.

Our goal is to provide you with the best service possible, and your feedback is very important to us.

If there is something you think we should be doing differently, please tell us. And if you're particularly pleased with a certain aspect of our service, please be sure to tell your friends and neighbors.

By keeping the lines of communication open, we'll be able to provide you with the great lawn and landscape you deserve.





### Plant power

Did you know that approximately 25% of all medications prescribed in the United States are derived from plants? For example, the rosy periwinkle, which grows in Madagascar, has been used to stop childhood leukemia and Hodgkin's disease. Now that's strong medicine!

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# making the most of Mulch

| A VERSATILE  
ADDITION TO  
YOUR  
PROPERTY'S  
TREES AND  
SHRUBS  
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**T**here are many mulch types available for use throughout your landscape, including both organic and inorganic varieties. Organic mulches are usually composed of materials such as bark, wood chips, cobs or pine needles. Inorganic mulches are made from a variety of materials such as river rock. While mulch can be used to improve the physical appearance of a landscape, the benefits it has to offer your trees, shrubs and planting beds run far deeper than looks.

### Mulching for plant health

Mulch conserves moisture by protecting the soil from drying out, and has been shown to reduce moisture loss by as much as 21% during the summer months.

Mulch also helps to control erosion, and reduces competition between your landscape plantings and grass for water and nutrients.

By keeping the soil around your landscape plantings cool, moist and shaded, mulch helps to control the growth of weeds and undesirable grasses which grow better in hot, dry conditions.

Mulch can also keep roots cool, helping to prevent root growth from slowing down as temperatures grow higher.

Finally, organic mulches can add nutrients to your soil to improve its overall fertility.

### Proper application

For best results, planting beds should be cleared of any existing weeds before mulch is applied. Beds should also be edged 3" to 4" deep with a sharp spade before mulching. This will stop any nearby turfgrass from sending new shoots up through the mulch.

Once applied, the total mulch depth should be no more than 4", and care should be taken not to pile mulch up against trunks and stems. Diseases are more likely to develop if trunks and stems are subjected to constantly moist conditions.

Contact us today with any mulching questions you may have. We're happy to help!



### Key Points

- Mulch is more than just a finishing touch.
- Mulch discourages the growth of weeds and unwanted grasses.
- Total mulch depth should be no more than 4".

