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Newsletter from Whole Earth Landscape & Design

Is Your Landscape All You Want it to Be?

- Has my landscape optimized the value of my property?
- What impression does my landscape give?
- Are the plants healthy and thriving?
- Does my landscape let my family enjoy the various activities we want to do?
- Is my yard safe and chemical free?
- Is my landscape more costly to maintain than it needs to be?
- Does my landscape have a positive impact on the local environment?

landscape needs improvement, spring is a good time to plan a new landscape. Call us today to insure a place on our schedule.



This is the landscape in mid-Spring. It takes on different aspects in the summer, fall and winter. Let us help you create a landscape with 4 season interest!

Whole Earth's goal is to help each landscape be as healthy and functional as it can be. With over 17 years experience we can help you to install the landscape that you deserve.

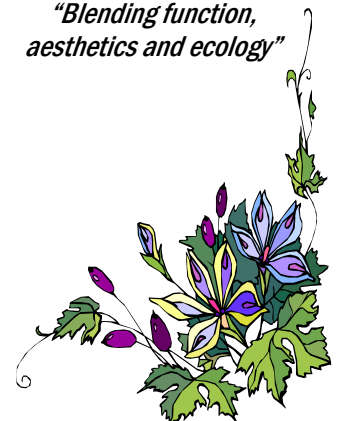
Our schedule is filling fast for Spring installations, so call now to be able to enjoy your new landscape this summer. If your

Whole Earth Landscape & Design Services Offered

- *Master plans & site planning*
- *Brick & Bluestone patios & walkways*
- *Fieldstone retaining walls and sitting walls*
- *Soil building, perennials, trees and shrubs*
- *Perennial & specialty gardens*
- *Water features*
- *Transplanting*
- *Mulch*
- *Chemical-free lawn maintenance and shrub care including soil testing, fertilize/lime, pest control, weekly cutting, transplanting and hand pruning*

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aesthetics and ecology"*



Landscaping Now

The Environmental Benefits of Landscaping

- Grass, trees and plants reduce soil erosion—a major cause of water pollution by pesticides, fertilizers and sediment.
- One tree removes 26 pounds of carbon dioxide from the air every year and it can produce enough oxygen for a family of four to live on—about 13 pounds annually.
- Plants, trees and grass fight pollution and provide storm water control and shelter for wildlife.
- Shrubs, turf and trees reduce noise pollution by up to 50%.
- Proper selection and placement of plant material can lower heating and cooling costs by as much as 20%.
- Trees absorb as much as 85% of the sun's direct heat.
- Trees can reduce power demand by as much as 59%.
- Temperatures around grassy areas are about 25 degrees cooler than around dead grass or concrete "heat islands."
- One large tree can absorb as much heat as several window air conditioners and can lower temperatures by 10 degrees.
- Healthy turf is a strong asset in fire prevention.

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The Garden at Night

After dark we tend to ignore the outside, but in so doing, we pass up the chance to have a quite different, and often a more dramatic view of the landscape. Low voltage lighting can bring your landscape to life at night. You can create a year round atmosphere of security, comfort and beauty and with appropriate lighting you can enjoy the landscape late into the evening.

In garden beds with small shrubs or mixed planting, you could use small lights in and around the bed to create pools of interest. With tall plants, try

uplighting them from a path or from within the bed.

With garden lighting, it is important to visualize the finished scheme and make sure that the end result has some internal cohesion and that you have a scheme that creates an overall picture and not just a scattering of light.

To insure our clients achieve a cohesive and pleasant night-scape, we invested in training with lighting experts this winter. Call us today to prepare a nightscaping proposal for your property.

Where in the MetroWest area is the WELD crew now?????

The final touches have been completed on our display water feature at our Harvard offices.

In the fall of 2005, we installed a pond on a gentle slope on the side yard. Completing the project is a low New England field-stone wall on one side. The pond is accessed by a Blue-stone patio. Mark enjoys listening to the sounds of its 5 waterfalls. His children are particularly enthralled with the frogs that have adopted the water feature as their home. We just finished the pondless water feature near the front entryway.

All of us at Whole Earth are very excited about water features and what they can do for the landscape AND the environment.

If you'd like to come and visit, we are having an open house on Friday, June 2nd. Call today to let us know you are coming.



Would you like to receive a free Magnolia—installed?

Refer a new customer to us and if they book an installation for 2006 we will install a 3' Magnolia (your choice) as our way of saying "Thank You" absolutely free!

Note: New landscape project must be installed during the 2006 season and be for a design/build project.

Spring Calendar

Landscaping activities for the Spring:

1. If you haven't already done so, remove the leaves from the beds. Be careful not to harm new growth. Cut back perennial waste.
2. Mow the lawn high, 2 to 3 inches. This will discourage weeds.
3. Fertilize the lawn with an organic fertilizer.
4. Spot treat instead of broadcasting weed killers over large areas of lawn.
5. Be careful where you buy mulch, especially bagged mulch. A good idea this season is to visit your local lawn care center. Ask where they purchased their mulch.
6. Incorporate compost into soil before planting.
7. Call Whole Earth to ask about our ongoing maintenance program so you can spend your time enjoying the nice weather.