

A Word From Blake



Is it summer already? It sure feels like the hot, dry weather has moved in quicker than usual. With the unseasonably warm weather we've had the past couple of weeks, it's time to start thinking about keeping your lawn and plants watered. Check out the article "Smart Watering" on page 2 for tips on how to water effectively. The short-lived Spring offered us many opportunities to enhance landscapes and add nice outdoor areas for customers to enjoy during

the Summer months. It's not too late to perfect your lawn for summer enjoyment - contact us if you'd like to enhance your outdoor living space. Hope to see you outside enjoying the last month of Spring!

Blake Murray, Owner

What We'll Be Working On Over The Next Few Weeks

(or what you can be doing, if you don't currently have landscape services with Murray's)

- Mowing Turf
- Applying Broad Leaf Weed Control for Turf & Beds
- Installing Mulch
- Pruning Shrubs
- Pruning Azelas (after they're finished flowering)
- Scouting for Insect and Disease Problems

What We've Been Up To This Month: Installs and Enhancements

The Spring season offers many opportunities to enhance landscapes, add curb appeal and create fun areas for the warm months ahead. Over the past month, we have completed many projects. Here are a few:

Retaining Planter Box: The Breeden Residence

Mrs. Breeden has a passion for gardening. By adding a retaining planter box to the side of her driveway,



we were able to increase planting space. Using 4x4s and rebar we built a retaining wall to the left of her driveway and made the planter box level with the pavement. Mrs. Breeden now has a fresh gardening canvas to plant flower year round!

Patio Installation: The Swain Residence

The Swain's were interested in adding an adult patio area to their back yard that would allow them to enjoy their time outdoors while watching their two boys play. We installed a 400 square foot patio using Chapel Hill Gravel and added various flowering plants and shrubs to enhance the overall appearance.



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Lawn Care Tip Preventing Brown Patch

If you know your lawn is susceptible to Brown Patch, now is the time to apply a broad spectrum fungicide to protect your lawn. If you aren't comfortable applying chemicals or aren't sure what chemical to buy, give us a call - we'd love to help keep your lawn Brown Patch Free! **919-795-9885**

Giving Back : Golf For Water Tournament

Six thousand children die each day because they don't have access to clean water. On May 5, Murray's Landscaping sponsored the Golf for Water Tournament put on by Grey Stone Church in partnership with Samaritan's Purse. The tournament raised money to help provide access to clean water to thousands of hurting people around the world.

We believe it is our responsibility to give back to our community - both locally and globally. As a company, we will continue to look for opportunities to help those in need.



Smart Watering: How to Water Effectively

As the weather gets warmer and dryer, it is important to water your turf and plants effectively. The objective is to keep everything growing without wasting water or creating conditions that foster disease growth.

Watering Turf: Your turf needs one inch of water per week to survive. As the summer rolls in, your turf may not get enough water naturally from precipitation. When that's the case, it is best to supplement your lawn's water supply early in the morning using an irrigation or sprinkler system. By watering in the morning, you give your lawn a chance to dry out during the day. If you wait until the evening to water, your lawn may not get a chance to fully dry before night fall which can create humid conditions in your turf and foster disease development. Overwatering or evening watering often causes hard-to-control diseases and weeds.

Watering Plants: It is important to keep your plants hydrated as well and this is especially true for newly installed plants. If you notice drooping in the leaves or flowers of your plants, it is an indication that they are stressed due to inadequate hydration. A good practice when watering plants is to water one plant until you see run-off, then move onto another and repeat the process, then go back to the first plant and water again until you see run-off. By watering, waiting, and watering again, you ensure the plant is getting ample water without over-watering.

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Effective May 15, 2014, Murray's Landscaping will be operating out of a new location that offers more space for our growing business. From here forward, please send any payments or cooresponance to our new address. Thanks!

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