

*Fun Facts about
 Lawn Care*

* 80 million pounds of pesticides and 70 million pounds of chemical fertilizer are applied to our lawns in the United States each year.

* The average lawn size for a home is 1/5 of an acre.

* There are approximately 50 million acres of grass in the United States. Approximately 21 million of those acres are in our front and back yards.

* According to the 2010 National Gardening Association Survey, Americans spend on average \$363 per year on their lawn and gardening activities. In the United States, that is equal to approximately \$30 million dollars per year.

* Did you know? Lawns are very efficient oxygen producers. They are about three times more effective than trees. And, their season to produce oxygen is much longer. Even a smaller sized lawn (50 ft. x 50 ft.) releases enough oxygen daily to meet the needs of a family of four for 24 hours and absorbs carbon dioxide, ozone, hydrogen fluoride and other toxins.

Best Summer Fruit Ever

Summers are incomplete without this red and juicy fruit. Watermelons are healthy and cheap. It is not only a great source of water but vitamin A and C as well. Vitamin A boosts immunity and is good for the eyes. Vitamin C also boosts immunity. Watermelon also has Vitamin B6 and potassium. Potassium maintains water balance in the body while Vitamin B6 improves immunity.



Potassium also prevents muscle cramps and keeps your heart healthy.



Current Project

We often have to implement creative problem solving somewhere along the way in the process of landscape design and installation. One of our recent projects had a good example of such a situation. This particular project was a new construction. Dealing with the water from the gutter downspouts on the front of this house was the challenge. There were no pipes or sleeves under the concrete walkway that connects the driveway to the front steps and therefore no simple way to get the roof water from the house to the woods. The downspouts were dumping a large volume of water into the front bed creating an erosion issue. Fortunately grade was our friend in this instance. There

was enough slope in front of the house to hand excavate channels from the downspouts on the front of the house out to the inside edge of the front walk and down to the lowest point by the front steps. The water then runs across the surface to the concrete to the outside edge and down the hill via a stream bed. The plan worked great and with the addition of some accent boulder details and plantings we turned this drainage challenge into an attractive and functional landscape feature. Hats off to Marvin and crew for a job well done.

