

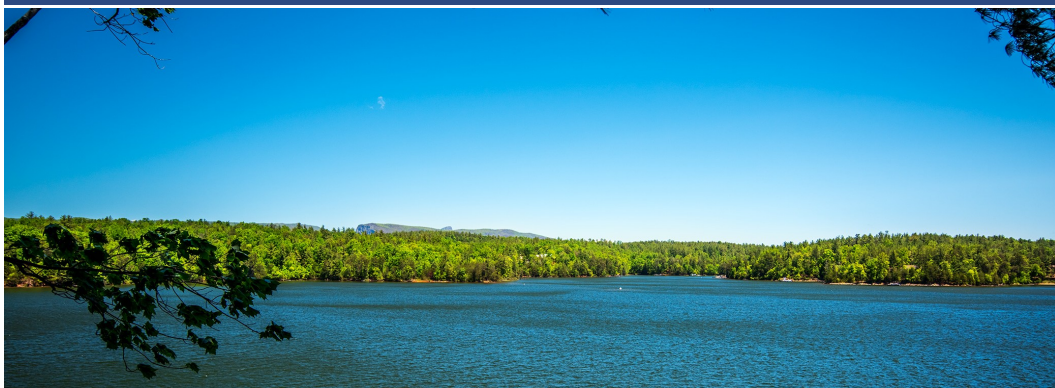


Happy Cutting

One great thing about living here in the Old North State is the weather. We have four distinct seasons which provide weather variety to satisfy just about everyone at some point in the year. If you don't like the weather today don't worry, change is not far away. One activity we do a lot of here in Carolina is mowing grass. The average mowing season will have 26-32 cuts depending on temperature. Grass cutting has been mechanized a long time. The lawn mower was invented in 1830 by a man named Edwin Budding in Gloucestershire, England. Made of cast iron, it had a large roller in the back with a smaller cutting cylinder (reel) in front and had to be pushed or pulled. The first motorized mowers came out in the late 1890's powered by steam. Ransomes, Sims, and Jefferies introduced a petrol engined mower in 1902 leading the market until WW1. In 1921 a 22" motorized reel mower cost 75 Euro. The first electric and rotary mowers came out in the 1920's and 30's and became popular years later. With technological improvement, by the 1950's machines were lighter, had more powerful engines and were reliable. Today, mowers have many options and have every option conceivable. We've come a long way since the heavy humble beginnings of grass cutting across the pond. Happy Cutting!



A cylinder (reel) mower from 1888 showing a fixed cutting blade in front of the rear roller and wheel-driven rotary blades.



Marvin's latest masterpiece sits atop a hill down in Grandview Peaks. This project was another great exercise in transforming a space that had nothing but bare mulch into a giant outdoor living area. A raised patio with integrated fire pit and adjacent water feature, enhanced drainage, new sod lawn space, paver walkway, large decorative fieldstone features, low voltage lighting, new plant material and mulch size up this jewel. A fantastic project full of variety for a great homeowner. Very few people understand how much one of our installation crew foreman have to know and be proficient at to make this happen. A small handful of homeowners each year get to see this process in action and most are amazed. Many thanks to the fine folks on the hilltop for a terrific project and to Marvin, Mario and crew for their great work effort. We are very proud of our team and our customers.

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