



Given the benefits of aerating your lawn, you're probably wondering when to aerate so you'll get the biggest benefit for your efforts. Over time, your soil becomes compacted – meaning it more closely begins to resemble clay.

Aerating your lawn pokes small holes into it so that nutrients, air, and water are allowed to enter the soil. Aerating contributes to a more beautiful, lush, and fuller lawn. Otherwise, you could end up with nothing but dead grass during the growing season. The time of year to Aerate your lawn depends on the type of grass that you have. Many people in NC aerate during the early fall, because they have yards with cool-season grass such as Kentucky Bluegrass or Fescue. Not aerating at the right time means that you'll miss your window. Don't have time? That's ok. Appalachian Naturescapes will be glad to take this task off your hands. Give us a call!



Hope you enjoyed
 Labor Day!



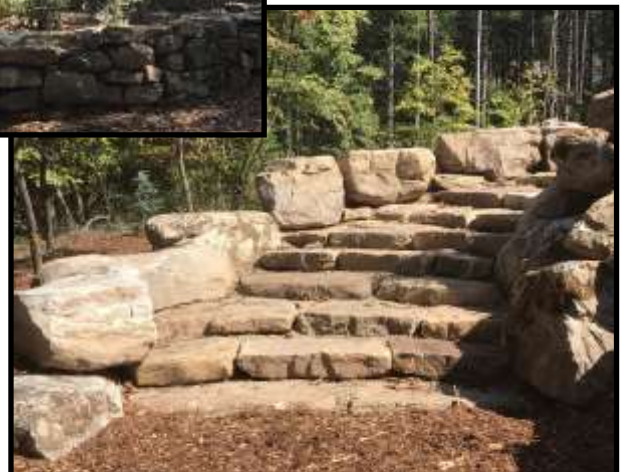
Current Project

We live in what's referred to as the foothills which means that most of us have some sort of elevation change on our property. It's rare for us to have a project that doesn't deal with this in some form. Many times over the years, working with this type terrain has presented challenges that we've

converted into opportunities to create some fantastic landscape features. A good example is the terraced wall and steps we constructed on this current project. Instead of a single 6ft. wall in front of a back patio we utilized a pair of 3' walls with some plantings in between to add visual interest and soften the rock work. The footpath



around the outside of the patio, which provides a great view of the entire site, incorporates an earth ramp on one side and a spectacular curved staircase on the other. Natural stepping stones, boulder outcroppings with specimen plantings, and drainage features are a few other items of interest in this composition. Dean and crew are true craftsmen.



Murray's Mill 35th Annual Harvest Folk Festival



Come celebrate Catawba County's agricultural heritage with an array of exhibits, craftsmen and activities. This event will be held Sept 28-29. There are plenty of great things to do including petting zoos, pony rides and antique cars. Experience farm machinery and tractors up close or watch traditional food preparations such as molasses making. Bluegrass, Country, and Gospel comprise the impressive band schedule. The Cockman Family are the hosting musicians that will perform in the Murray's Mill Amphitheater. Ticket purchase into the event includes a tour of the mill, whose original French burr millstones will grind away producing bags of flour or cornmeal, a prized and usable souvenir. Visit <https://www.catawbahistory.org/events/48/5268> for more information.

