

Summer goes by fast. Be sure you enjoy it.

Every year it feels like once the tulips and irises have bloomed, kids are off from school for their summer vacation, and before you know it we're raking leaves again.

The precious days of summer are here right now and should be treasured. By simply planting shade trees you can cool your property and save energy costs. Or if you're really serious about being outside, perhaps a swimming pool is the answer to getting the most out of summer. Or just a well designed outdoor kitchen to complement your everyday dining and enhance your entertaining.

No matter how you plan to embrace summer, Lawrence Landscapes will be happy to consult, offer our design expertise, and demonstrate our craftsmanship. Until then, hang on to summer!

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SUMMER GAMES



Bowling Italian Style

Think outside of the croquet box this summer. Consider bocce, the lawn bowling game. It's a little different, goes well with a cup of your favorite gelato, and the court looks great when you're not using it. We can provide lessons when we're finished building.



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Tips, information, & resources to create and enhance your outdoor living spaces, courtesy of Lawrence Landscapes

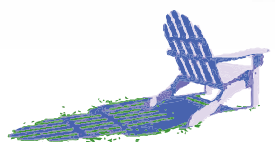


HOT TOPICS:

Refreshing Summer Ideas!

- Why shade trees are more than just cool
- Swimming pools: Things to consider before diving in

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Navigating the design & build of your Swimming Pool

Different strokes...

As with any home improvement decision, your choice of swimming pool is a very personal one. If you aspire to match the records set by Michael Phelps, you will want a pool that's all business and allows for long laps. You may be more of a recreational floater who will benefit more from an interesting shape that complements your property. Either way, your pool requires serious planning.

Practicality meets aesthetics

Any swimming pool has its own set of considerations when planning your outdoor space. For instance location, safety, access to electricity, the surrounding plantings, trees, and traffic patterns near and around the pool. Then of course the construction itself needs to be managed in a way that your life won't be completely invaded by heavy equipment for months.

Pools are always appealing, but they can be a really special attraction with the right accent lighting. A warm summer night in a

refreshing breeze and bouncing reflections can truly set the tone for the evening!

Once you've established the kind of pool you would like, properly planned the construction, and envision the final landscape design, your swimming pool can transform your property and provide many years of pleasure.

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Swim Lesson: How to avoid the chlorine smell

Most pools contain both good chlorine and bad chlorine. The good chlorine is called free chlorine and is capable of killing germs. Bad chlorine, on the other hand, is called "combined chlorine" and is a poor germ killer. Too much combined chlorine in your pool causes the strong chlorine odor. When the combined chlorine level reaches 0.2 ppm or more, it is time to shock your water. Shocking will eliminate the odor.



Outdoor Kitchens: The cooking is the party



Most of us love to cook. What's better than joining the party outside while you sear tuna steaks or grill some freshly picked asparagus?

Your outdoor cooking space should be efficient as well as enjoyable. At Lawrence Landscapes, we plan for the cook as much as the outdoor space itself. Keeping the outdoor food prep area close to your indoor kitchen will save time and effort when you're getting ready to put food on the grill. We also believe in arranging outdoor kitchens with a classic work triangle. The cooking area, food storage space, and clean up should be at a point in a triangle. This will allow multiple chefs to work efficiently together.

Hardscapes to softscapes...

- It's important to integrate this new space into the rest of your property
- Use proven design principles to provide color, shade, and beauty
- Consider the amount of guest seating that will work for you
- A focal point such as a wood burning fireplace can add drama

Shade Trees can be your home's workforce

Trees as energy-saving devices

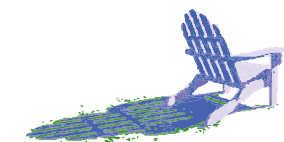
Shade trees are effective in reducing the energy used in cooling homes. Although it takes time, energy, and money to buy and plant a tree, prune it, water it, and dispose of its leaves, research shows that the annual benefits outweigh the costs by about \$65 each year for every single tree.

They work in the winter too

Trees can be planted to provide blockage for cold winter winds. Properly located and designed rows of trees can reduce heating costs by directing winds to the side of the house or over it, lowering the wind chill near your home.

The right trees in the best places

The most beneficial location for shade trees is close to the southwest side of homes. Strong, disease and pest resistant trees will thrive and soften the look of your property while offering year long protection from the elements, and your energy bills. Plus, nothing beats an attractive shade tree to frame your home and increase curb appeal!



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