

OUTDOOR LIVING



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Outdoor Illumination

With summer days slipping by so is the time you can spend enjoying your outdoor living spaces. We can solve that loss of outdoor enjoyment time by transforming your darkened grounds with welcomed accents of light. By illuminating waterfalls, ponds, terraced gardens and dramatic trees, you can create a landscape resplendent with evening beauty.

Besides the aesthetic appeal, landscape lighting can also:

- Provide safe access near paths, drives and entry areas.
- Increase security by discouraging potential intruders.
- Save energy. Low voltage lighting systems are energy efficient.
- Increase the value of your home.



Ready for that late summer garden party!

Spend some time walking around your landscape in the next few weeks and see if you can answer "yes" to the following questions:

1. Visitors can safely and easily reach my front door.
2. I can reach all of the areas of my yard safely.
3. I can entertain well into the evening on my patio/deck with sufficient visibility and no glare.
4. There are no dark spaces where intruders could hide.

Call us to discuss your lighting needs.

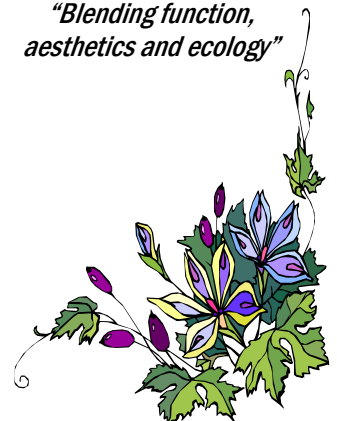
When you call tell us what your primary requirements are – safety or security lighting or aesthetic enhancement of your landscape for extended hours of enjoyment. We have a few openings for fall work before the ground freezes. Call today to reserve a spot.

Whole Earth Landscape & Design Services Offered

- *Master plans & site planning*
- *Brick & Bluestone patios & walkways*
- *Fieldstone retaining walls and sitting walls*
- *Soil building, perennials, trees and shrubs*
- *Perennial & specialty gardens*
- *Water features*
- *Transplanting*
- *Mulch*
- *Chemical-free lawn maintenance and shrub care including soil testing, fertilize/lime, pest control, weekly cutting, transplanting and hand pruning*

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"Blending function,
aesthetics and ecology"*



Landscaping Now—Color & Relaxation Are In!

People want color in their yards. This has been a standing trend for the past 5-6 years. The pallet of color in the garden is broadening to all plants that have color. From tropical plants to flowering shrubs, if it doesn't have a flower on it at some point, it is considered 'filler.' Today hollies and junipers, a staple 10 years ago, are an afterthought. Homeowners want flowering trees. The basic trend is to add one season of color, but as gardeners become more sophisticated they want four seasons of interest – starting with bulbs, then perennials and finally fall foliage and winter

berries or bark. Color doesn't have to be a flower, but for most homeowners -- "No flower. No room." Another emerging trend is gardening for relaxing and therapy. Those who got instant gratification out of their gardens are now looking for the next step. A more thoughtful approach to their gardens will emerge in the next decade. Like any hobby, as you get more interested you get a deeper understanding and then you get to the heart of it. You start with a small project or you've just had a great new landscape installed, and before you know it you are developing a

deeper interest and a greater curiosity as to where you want to go with your garden.

All of us at Whole Earth have that deeper interest and can help you make your landscape environmentally friendly, family friendly and aesthetically beautiful. Why not consider adding a water feature which incorporates sound and motion. See our offer on the back for a free design consultation with an installation.

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What Happened to my Tulips?

One of our readers asked us the question, "What happened to my tulips?" She wanted to know if we thought they had become prey to small animals. The answer is probably but what can you do about it?

If rodents are a problem, choose your bulbs carefully. Rodents love crocuses and tulips as well as hyacinths and blue grape muscari.

Interplanting bulbs with a woody groundcover, such as juniper or cotoneaster, may deter small animals, and many people find that strategic plantings of crown imperial fritillaria

among tulips will discourage squirrels, mice, and deer.

For a foolproof method, plant the bulbs, top with 2 inches of soil, and cover with half-inch mesh hardware cloth, bending and securing its edges into the ground. Individual mesh baskets are also good protectors.

Certain bulbs that are toxic in nature and have a foul taste can deter small animals. Gardeners plagued by animals eating their bulbs might try daffodils, alliums, chionodoxa, colchicum, fritillaria, galanthus, and scilla which rodents tend to avoid.

Where in the MetroWest area is the WELD crew now?????

In July, Whole Earth completed a renovation of the water feature at Weston Nurseries in Hopkinton, Massachusetts. Stop by to see it and call us to make it possible in your setting.

Late summer is a good time to visit Weston while many of their perennials are on sale. We have installed plants from Weston Nurseries in many of our customers landscapes. Also check out their Farmer's Market on Fridays from 12 to 6 p.m.

You can also visit their website and click on Horticultural Notes

to see their current article about weeds. Most of you know that Whole Earth creates landscapes that work in harmony with nature so that minimal chemical use is required. If you are plagued by weeds, call us to discuss a solution. Late summer/early fall is a good time to tackle problems with lawns.



Free design consultation!

Call today
for a free design consultation
and if Whole Earth Landscape & Design
does the installation for Fall 06,
the design consultation is free!

Note: Design consultations without an installation are \$75/hr.

Late Summer Calendar

Landscaping activities for the Late Summer:

Planning: A second growing season begins in August. If not satisfied with your landscape, call for a free design consultation with installation.

Lawn: Major lawn reseeding projects begin in mid to late August. Slice seed thin areas or areas infected with crabgrass. Core aerate to prune roots, and allow easier passage of air and water to roots. Monitor for grub damage. Spray preventive application of beneficial nematodes or Milky Spore to control grubs in a sunny lawn. Time to apply 3rd round of organic fertilizer while soil is warm when roots grow most.

Trees and Shrubs: Prune hedges, evergreens and summer flowering shrubs and trees. Test soil for fall plantings of lawn and shrubs. Water plants 1"-2" a week, newer plants water deeply with end of hose.

Beds and Gardens: Weed consistently to keep weeds from spreading or seeding. Reapply mulch where needed.