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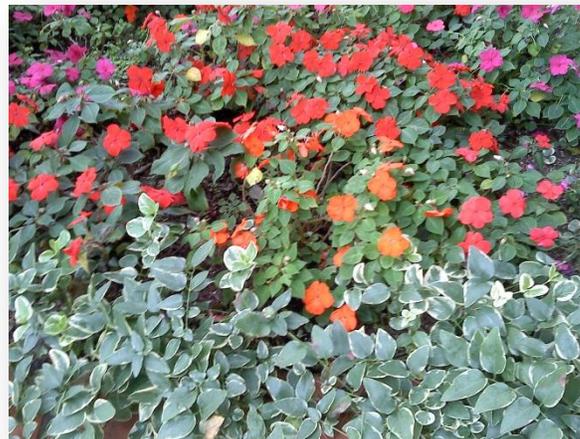
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Spring has sprung, and it's exciting to see everyone slowly coming out of their winter hibernation to greet this early wonderful weather. We're ready, willing, and able to get your landscape perfect for you and your family's enjoyment. Check out what we have to offer this, the latest edition of *Kaleidoscope*. We're more than just mowing and blowing. We have lots to offer!



Welcome to our newest crew leader, Aaron Huseman. Aaron worked for us during summers when he was attending Virginia Tech. He liked it so much that he changed his major to horticulture. Aaron brings enthusiasm, energy, knowledge, and the commitment we all share here at Lawns and Gardens Plus. If you see him, be sure to tell him hello!

Landscape plants are already starting to become a bit scarce. Growers have been hit hard by housing trends, and as a result, they haven't been carrying as much inventory. We have limited availability in the spring, but don't worry, we'll get you covered. Just give us a call. It would be best, however, to go ahead and start thinking now about your fall plant choices.





We're growing like crazy! Since our company's beginning in 1989 where we had two employees—Paula and Wes—we've come a long way, baby! We now have a full time staff of twelve! Lawns and Gardens Plus can handle most landscape tasks, but for those rare jobs we can't tackle, we have associates that can help you, too. From landscape designers and architects, to arborists and tree removal specialists, to disease and pest specialists, to lighting, we've got you covered every which way.

Is it time to celebrate? Are you planning that party that everyone will wish they had an invitation to? Well, never fear! Lawns and Gardens Plus is here! We know that you enjoy our hard work, but we also want your friends to enjoy it, too! Just give us a little advance notice so we can plan to make your garden occasion special, just like you and your guests. Weddings, bar mitzvahs, birthdays, anniversaries, July 4th ...whatever the soiree, we will make you proud when everyone arrives (and happy you hired us)!



Staying connected is the name of the game these days in this digital world. We're sure that by now you've already liked us on Facebook. Do you want another easy way to keep up with what we do? Sign up for our email service alerts. Once a month, you'll receive notification of what seasonal or weather related services are in progress. Just let us know, and our email updates will only be a click away!





Nutrients really are the way to a healthy lawn and garden, and we at Lawns and Gardens Plus can easily help make your plants and turf bloom and grow. We are certified to do year round soil testing. We can help you with PH balancing and make sure your landscape has all the nutrients it needs. As nutrient management plan writers, we can develop a program specific to your plants, soils, trees, and shrubs, and the best part is, we will do so with minimal impact to the environment. Why? Because we want to prevent storm water runoff from moving soil and nutrients into our waterways and ultimately, the Chesapeake Bay. We're the ones to call if you truly want a green landscape.

Safety is always important for us and you. OSHA mandates certain guidelines that we must follow. An accident-free workplace is a safe workplace, so we take steps to make sure we're all on the same page. In addition to our education and learning time, we also study how to carefully do our jobs. Tuesday is safety training day for everyone—staff and management. Our goal is to make your landscape look great while also avoiding injury.



Got patio? Are you looking for a great place to hang out which is also good for the environment? Then we have the answer for you—an irregular flagstone patio! Not only will you have a wonderful spot in your yard to relax, but you'll also be a good steward of our natural resources. Why? Notice the spaces in between the stones (*left*). They help avoid runoff by having the grass work like a sponge. Call us today, and we'll hook you up!

Right now we've been mulching and mowing fescue, and we'll do the same to the Bermuda in mid-April. Speaking of mulch, Red Oak mulch is very limited, but we have a small supply. This isn't the dyed or painted mulch; this is the good stuff that stays put in beds and holds its color. We're also ready to turn existing mulch and apply organic fertilizer to planting beds. The earthy fragrance of natural fertilizer isn't always appreciated, so timing is important. Let us know when is a good time to feed your flowers with the natural good stuff. We can always coordinate applications with guest departure dates or after parties and gatherings.



Education continues to be important to us at Lawns and Gardens Plus. We recently attended the Mid-Atlantic Horticultural Short Course Annual Training Event. Check out Paula and Cheryl Lajoie, the President of the Hampton Roads Nursery and Landscape Association (*left*).

Get well wishes go out to John Wright who had back surgery in March. He's been out of commission for several weeks and has been sorely missed. He hopes to see everyone by late spring.



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