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**Happy
Mother's
Day!!**



Add Some Color!

Esch Landscaping, LLC
Improving Your Outdoor Living Space!

Greetings from Matt

Being a landscaper in Michigan can be viewed as difficult because of our extended and sometimes downright harsh winters. Here at Esch Landscaping we choose to see it as not only a challenge but an opportunity.

We regroup. We spend time considering what our clients need and how we can better serve them. This winter is no different. We're continuing to improve. Stop in and see

our new construction and remodeling. We have added staff and invested in new technology to stay on the cutting edge of what's new in landscaping and client service. Our team's goal is to impress our valued clients year after year.

Esch Landscaping is honored to be named as a "2011 Landscaper of the Year" finalist by Total Landscape Magazine.

By continuing to do business led by our core values of honesty, trust, accountability, growth and quality we look forward to serving this great community for many years to come.



Garden Center

Protect Your Turf!

It's been a long winter and we're all looking forward to green lush lawns. It's a perfect time to be thinking proactively about protecting your turf grass.

Grubs are an invisible enemy to our lawns that can do a significant amount of damage before you ever know they're there. Grubs are about ½ inch long and off-white in color with a brown head. They are almost always curled into a "C" shape. They are the larva stage of what most of us call a June bug and they feed on the roots of garden plants and lawns.

Because of the life cycle of the beetle early spring and fall are the best times to rid your lawn of these destructive insects. Larva that have been burrowed deep below the frost line come to the surface to feed as soon as the ground begins to warm. This is the prime opportunity to spray and rid your lawn of the pests at the upper root zone.

Esch Landscaping has very effective products and qualified technicians that can help you protect your lawn and ensure that lush green growth you've been all winter waiting to see.

Our greenhouse will open for the season Monday, May 2, 2011. We have a large variety of flowers and vegetables for you to choose from. Come spend time relaxing and browsing.

If you are looking for something specific that we don't carry we'd be happy to special order your item and have it here for you the following Monday.

Greenhouse hours:

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.,

Saturday
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Closed on Sunday

Much on Mulch

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Never
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Juvenal, *Satires*

When it comes to caring for the plants in your landscaping you simply cannot improve on “Mother Nature’s” plan. The organic material that is produced naturally through fallen fruit, leaves, needles, twigs and decomposing plants is the perfect “food” for the soil and plants of the next season. In a word MULCH is produced through this cycle and it improves the soil by adding nutrients as it decomposes.

Mulching is an important way for homeowners to keep their plants and trees looking their best. This labor saving practice prevents germination of many weeds that will save a lot of work and expense in chemicals and weeding down the road. Mulch also prevents erosion and crusting of top soil which leads to compaction and the need for soil cultivation. Water absorption into the soil is imperative for plants to thrive. Soil temperature is also regulated through mulch as it keeps the soil cool in the summer and warmer in the winter months.

Mulch not only helps the soil stay in good growing condition but it actually improves the quality of the soil by adding organic matter as it decomposes and encourages growth of worms and other beneficial

soil organisms that improve soil structure and nutrients to plants. Not only will the plants be their strongest and most vibrant but the rich color contrast that many mulches offer can bring out a display you’ll be proud to exhibit.

If you’re convinced that your landscape will benefit from mulch a few things you’ll want to consider are:

Quality

Healthy mulch should have an earthy scent of fresh cut wood or good garden soil. Beware of any mulch that has a vinegar, ammonia or sulfur smell as this is an indication it has been not been stored properly and has become sour or “acid”.

Objective

Mulch can be as simple as a layer of newspaper with grass clippings for your vegetable garden or that new plant that your temporarily babying along. But if the mulching will be on display you’ll want to consider something more attractive such as stone or bark mulch.

Duration

Some mulch projects will be in place for many years such as bushes and trees. In this case some homeowners may choose inorganic mulch such as brick chips, marble chips, stone or landscape fabrics. The benefit of organic matter to the soil will be lost

but this choice is considered more permanent. On the other hand, organic mulch such as wood chips or bark offer the benefit of soil nutrients but will need to be addressed with maintenance every few years as organic material decomposes and compresses.

Cost

The variation in cost can be considerable depending on your choice of material and maintenance of that material.

Quantity

Organic mulches such as wood chips should be between 2 – 4 inches thick. Whereas only a 1-2 inch layer of stone is required.

Location

Always consider what type of plant you are mulching before determining what type of mulch to use. For example, pine needles make excellent mulch for acid-loving trees and shrubs but can cause harm to other types of plants.

