

Are you ready for spring?

What a winter! The winter of 2012-2013 seems like it does not want to ever end. What a huge difference from last year's 7.5" of snow. You never know what the season will bring when you live in the New England area. When Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on February 2nd, we all got excited that spring was coming early. At this point, we are not sure who to be more frustrated with, the Hog or the weathermen. Either way we are sure that most people want to get out of their house and get going with spring projects.

There is sure to be damage to most people's landscape, whether it is from the snowplows or from the countless times that we put down ice melt. April is a great month to install a top layer of screened loam on all damaged areas and seed. The earlier you do this, the earlier you will see green (and I don't mean cash). Trimming all the winterkill off any damaged shrubs will give your shrubbery a boost. As always give your yard a good raking and fertilize the grass with Crabgrass control, and edge and mulch you're planting beds with a fresh layer of bark mulch. With all this being done early you can start to plan that long awaited landscape project.

It seems as if the stonewall is coming back with a vengeance this year. We have already booked more stone retaining and stone accent walls than all of last year. With the housing market finally on the rebound, homeowners are once again making sure that that number one asset is looking the best it can. Natural stonework can certainly be affordable to most people. Depending on the square footage of the project, the price can range from as little as \$1,500. Give us a call for a free estimate of hardscape jobs as well as any other landscape project that you might be thinking of.

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