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NEWSLETTER

DO YOU NEED A PLANT COLOR PACK?

SPRING CLEAN-OUT SCHEDULE

NEW SERVICE — GARDENING CHORES!

PLANT AND WATER PLANT ORDERS DUE

KILL STRING ALGAE WITH ECOBLAST

SHOULD YOU PUT SALT IN YOUR POND?

PHOTO CONTEST—Deadline is this month

INTRODUCING Michelle Pedigo...our new Office Manager

PARADE OF PONDS — August 27th and 28th

Let us do all your gardening chores for you! Yes, it's true. Our newest division offers you everything from weeding, to watering, to trimming, deadheading, transplanting, dividing bulbs, and planting annuals. Is your lawn encroaching into your flower beds? Are your tulips not flowering like they use to? Are weeds overtaking your yard? Our Five-Star Garden Service will take care of all of it, and you can expect our same great quality and guarantees. We can do one-time visits, annual spring-cleaning, weekly or month service. Call us to set up a site visit, and let us help you keep your yard in tip-top shape all year long.



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EcoBlast is the newest tool in the fight against string algae. To use it properly, turn off your pump, sprinkle the powder directly onto the algae, and let it sit for several hours. Turn your pump back on and do a normal AquaClear and SAB treatment. EcoBlast kills algae on contact. You should start the process now.

PHOTO CONTEST

As announced in our Fall Newsletter, we're having a photo contest and this is the last month. We'd love to see how your yard looks now that it has matured. We try to take pictures when we finish, but it usually looks a little rock or mulch intensive until everything grows in.

Send us your pictures, and we'll have a random drawing this month from all entries. Each picture is worth one entry—to a maximum of three. The prize of \$250 will be announced in our Fall Newsletter. We will also judge the best picture (our discretion), and it will win \$100. Three runners-up will receive \$50 each.

If you want your pictures returned, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Send only pictures of work we've done for you. For example, if we've installed a wall or pond, but you did the planting, that's fine. Sending us your pictures also conveys permission for us to use them in our portfolio, website, and other means to show other customers our work. So give us your best shot!



Hyper-tufa gardens—the latest rage... These miniature, self-contained rock gardens can be "planted" in your garden or set on a patio or walkway. They have several tiny plants and rocks to resemble a crevice garden with gravel mulch. Water only once a week during the growing season. Prices range from \$85-150.

Our new Office Coordinator is Michelle Pedigo. We'll miss Robyn a lot, but we look forward to you getting to know Michelle, who is doing an exceptional job. Please be patient with her as she learns the ropes with our company.

Referring to your home's outdoor living spaces in *Garden Design Magazine*, "...homeowners want their outdoor spaces to reflect the design, personality and quality of their home's interior."

Color Packs are now available through our gardening service. Color Packs are packages of plants, delivered and planted in any part of your garden, at a predetermined price, and available in perennials and/or annuals. They can be used to spruce up an older, tired landscape, to fill in where new plants may not have yet matured, or to give a spark of extra color for a special occasion such as a wedding reception. They range in price from \$500 up. We'll start planting perennials now and annuals the first of June. If your yard needs a little sparkle, give us a call today.



Spring Clean-Outs Have Started

It's that time of year again. Slots fill up fast, so call today since work is being scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Here is some information:

1. How much will my clean-out cost? That's a difficult question to answer, but we try to clean your pond as cost effectively as possible. It's based on size, seasonal effects, time since last cleaning, special supply requests, etc. Rates are \$80 per man-hour including the trip charge.
2. When will my clean-out be completed? Our schedule is coordinated based on your locality (grouped geographically), so if you need to request a specific day or date, your clean-out will be scheduled after we have completed the majority of other clean-outs.
3. How will I pay for my clean-out? Payment is due immediately upon completion, so if you are not home, we will leave an invoice, which you can mail back to us the next day with a check.
4. Do I need to be home? No, but please leave the gate unlocked, dogs put away if necessary, the pump accessible if you've taken it out for the winter, outdoor water turned on and a hose out.
5. How does the pond get re-filled? Once the cleaning is complete, we leave your hose on a trickle. By the end of the day when you return home, it will be full and you can turn off the water. We will have already reintroduced the fish and added dechlor as necessary.
6. How do we get signed up? Call Michelle now and she will get the process started for you.

Why is salting my pond a good idea? Salting a pond helps the fish get through stressful times, especially springtime when their slime coat is compromised after winter. Use only plain salt, not iodized, and add enough to reach about .02%. Remember that once you've added salt, it never goes away unless you remove water. If your fish are sick, it's okay to add up to .06% for a couple days, but then do a water exchange to get the levels back down. We can also do this process for you.



Parade of Ponds

Denver's Premier Water Garden Tour

Saturday, August 27th 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, August 28th 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tickets are just \$15 or
Early-bird pricing of \$10 during July

Self-guided tour, or take an air-conditioned bus and have lunch for just \$15 plus the ticket price.

Now is the time to place your order for water plants and koi. We will deliver late May or as weather permits.