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June Garden Tips

* Two years ago, we planted a dwarf evergreen in the center bed of our front gardens. Very pretty, but not the right height for a centerpiece landscape bed. It was subsequently transplanted to one of the surrounding gardens where it has remained. The little tree looks beautiful. It survived all of the upheaval. It's now green and healthy in a place of honor. If you run short of room in one of your gardens, try one of the many dwarf varieties that are available. They're usually a very hearty species, grow slowly and require very little maintenance.



Two employees are mulching a freshly planted landscape bed under a client's favorite tree.

* Don't forget to water! You should water deeply and less frequently. A daily spot watering does more harm than good. Soaker hoses or a drip system makes watering so much easier and more affordable. Wastes less water too.

A Personal Message

Summer is here at last. I'll remember the winter of 2011 as the coldest one I lived through. And then, this spring was rainy. Here's hoping the summer will be sunny and pleasant. We deserve some good weather! If you haven't done so already, please go to my website and enter our latest landscaping contest. Win \$100.00 worth of free landscaping, just by entering your name and email address. Click on the large icon at **dellsadler.com** on our home page to enter.

We've planted more vegetable gardens this spring than ever before. Melissa started her raised bed gardens early this year. She uses one of them as a holding garden for client vegetables.

When she planted 75 onions this spring, I became quite concerned with her gardening logic. "We'll never eat all those!" I cried. However, they've all been safely transplanted to other vegetable beds in this area. You can still plant a few warm weather crops, if you're interested.

Tomatoes, peppers and squash will ripen through the summer. They should be ready by late summer for your enjoyment. Or try a few herbs in a planter. It's really satisfying to grow your own food.

Speaking of planting, there's still time to install flowers to enjoy this season. Here's an interesting situation we recently encountered. We needed some very hardy plant material for a client. She loves tea roses...they're her favorite flower. However, tea roses are more prone to disease and insect problems than most other varieties. You have to really love roses to be able to properly care for tea roses.

Robin's Nest Floral and Garden Center in Easton came to the rescue. Owner, Ken Morgan, did some research and found the most disease resistant tea roses available. He personally selected them for our client and they are gorgeous. She'll have no problem maintaining them with the guidelines he provided for her to follow.

Robin's Nest is a locally owned business, based in Easton, that is committed to customer satisfaction.

In other news, we are seeing a big increase in tick activity here on the Eastern Shore. It seems that the rainy spring has led to a population boom. We are spraying more and more properties with our barrier tick repellent. It is extremely effective in protecting your family from the dangers of a tick bite.

I hope you're enjoying this beautiful weather as we start the summer season. Memorial Day weekend is always so much fun. Have a great summer and I'll see you next month.

Landscaping Mitigation

If you live in Talbot County and are considering changes to your landscaping, chances are good that you'll have to undergo several mitigation issues. What is mitigation? It's the process of preserving valuable shoreline areas of Maryland. It calls for sustaining and restoring wetland and shoreline areas. In short, if you want to cut down a tree of a certain caliper, you will need to plant a certain number of trees or approved plant material to take its place.

We can help with this process. Our company has become very well versed in Best Management Practices. BMP's are effective and practical methods which help prevent pollutants from harming the quality of our water system. We know many of the requirements that face someone who may want to change areas of their shoreline. We specialize in mitigation needs. And, we know how to complete the necessary permit processes as required by Talbot County. If you're considering a restoration of your shoreline or woodlands area, please give us a call. We can provide you with an idea of the process you need to consider.

Take a Look at our Landscaping!

Over the past few months, we've installed a lot of plants in a lot of yards. Some properties have been complete redesigns. Others may just need a shrub or two replaced.

No matter how large or small your project might be, we have the expertise to handle it. Our in-house landscape designer has many years of experience. He's happy to discuss a project with you. We provide free estimates. And, we also provide top notch plant material which he personally selects for you.



Look at the beautiful quality of plant material we purchased for this client.

Our designer is Dave Lee, who is also the General Manager of our company. Dave is a graduate of George Washington University in Washington, DC. His degree is in Landscape Design. Dave has prepared design plans for hundreds of properties here on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He specializes in the use of native plant material, which thrive in this environment.

Jay Stokich is pictured installing plant material.

We offer the extra added benefit of making sure our designer is also a part of your installation team. When it comes time to implement your landscaping plan, Dave will be on site to direct. He personally places plants to ensure they're installed exactly to plan.



Hard at work at a job in Easton, MD.

There's another thing to consider when landscaping here on the banks of the beautiful Chesapeake Bay. It's sometimes difficult to actually keep your plant material intact when hungry deer arrive for a snack.

Deer love many native plants such as daylilies and hostas. They can quickly decimate a freshly planted landscape garden.

You may be interested in our deer repellent program. It's guaranteed to be effective, the aroma is wonderful and the price actually decreases after the first three month. Call for a free estimate.

Be sure to enter our Landscaping Contest! Enter your name at dellsadler.com or call us at **410.770.5882** to **win \$100.00 worth of free landscaping**. The drawing will be held on Friday, May 27, 2011.