

Murray's Monthly

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A Word From Blake



I hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of fall as much as I am! Fall is a busy time of year in the landscaping world. The cooler nights with warm days, make fall an optimal time for lawn renovations and plant installations. I have always loved these types of landscape enhancements because I enjoy the challenge of finding the optimal plants based on homeower preference, soil condition, and light environment. This past month I have added another tool to my toolbox in designing and

executing landscape enhancement projects. Murray's Landscaping is now officially ICPI certified to install concrete paver hardscapes as part of any landscape enhancement project. Read more on page 2 about our new hardscape service!

What We'll Be Working On Over The Next Few Weeks

(or what you can be doing, if you don't currently have landscape services with Murray's)

- Mowing Turf
- Turf Fertilization
- Leaf Removal
- Seasonal Plant Installation
- Lawn Renovations

This time of year is also busy for me personally as my wife and I continue to get acclimated to new parenthood. One of the things I love about being a small business owner is the close relationships I have developed with many of my customers. A lot of you have inquired about Carter and have requested pictures. I hope you don't mind me using a little bit of newsletter space to share some pictures of Carter. She will be 2 months old on October 12! Landscaping is my passion, but my new job title of "Daddy" is my favorite!

Blake Murray, Owner

Irrigation Tip



Make sure to keep an eye on your irrigation system as

temperatures cool down. Ensure that your system is shut off prior to freezing temperatures! If you need help with irrigation maintenance, give us a call 919-795-9885.

Take Advantage of the Weather! Schedule Your FREE Plant Installation Consultation Today!

Fall is an excellent time to add life to your lawn with new plants and shrubs. Put our horticulture degrees to work for you - We can find the perfect plant to match what you want with what your lawn can sustain!



Factors to Keep in Mind When Choosing New Plants:

- Soil Condition
- Available Sunlight
- **Structural Concerns** proximity to house, driveway, walkways, etc.
- Irrigation Needs
- Mature Plant Size
- Personal Preference
- Budget

New Service Offering: Hardscapes Interlocking Concrete Pavers

This past month, Murray's Landscaping took a trip to Jacksonville, FL to take Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institue's (ICPI's) Concrete Paver Installer Course. The two day course covered numerous topics including job planning, material selection, best installation practices, and safety. We are excited to add this new service to our repertoire!



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What are the Benefits of Interlocking Concrete Pavers?



Interlocking Concrete Pavers can be used to beautify, enhance and add functionality to your existing landscape. They come in a wide range of colors, shapes and sizes and can be laid in numerous patterns. The interlocking

nature provides a strong base by allowing the weight

load to be distributed over a wide area of pavers. Another benefit is low maintenance. Concrete pavers are resistant to the elements and individual pavers can be easily replaced.





Adding an interlocking paver patio, walkway, or entrance to your home will increase your property value. No matter the scale of the project - from small walkways and patios to large outdoor living spacesinterlocking concrete pavers can give your landscape a beautiful and finished look.

I think I would like a Concrete Paver Patio or walkway, now what?

Give us a call or shoot us an email! - We would be happy to give you a FREE consultation on patio,

walkway or entryway design that fits your needs and budget! 919-795-9885 or blake@murrayslandscapeservices.com

Want a More **Natural Look? Try A Flagstone** Walkway!

Natural walkways are a budgetfriendly way to add a hardscape area to your lawn. Although they may not look as "finished" or smooth as an interlocking paver walkway, they are still functional and can add charm and beauty to your yard. Flagstone is a great choice for natural walkways because the pieces are large enough to independently bare weight and the irregular shapes add to the natural appeal. Choosing the proper screenings creates a sturdy base and a finished look. Call today for a consultation on your own flagstone walkway!



Walkways and patios are perfect for areas where grass just won't grow!

Our Growing Family!



Newborn Pics



Hugs from



Uncle Russell

One Month Old 9/12/14



Playtime

Sitting Up in the **Bumbo Seat**

