

In the scheme of landscape design, we like to see diversity. Hardscapes, water features, beds and trees are all things we might use to make our property look pleasing. Most times we will also have turf as a part of the finished product. I think that most would say football fields and golf courses have some of the best-looking turf you can find. Obviously, the turf in those situations is the most important factor involved. In home landscaping, you have many more variables involved. Privacy, shade, aesthetics, noise reduction and maybe just environmental reasons come into play in laying out your space.

Trees and turf can coexist; however, as stated above, the healthiest turf can be found when no trees are involved. The healthiest trees are found in forests where no turf is found. I came from a golf background and tended to sacrifice trees for turf quality. My brother is from the forestry profession and he might say the worst thing for trees is turf. We both were trying to eliminate the competition. What is the happy medium? It depends on individual preference. Are you willing to sacrifice the health of your turf or trees so you can enjoy both?

Shade, water and nutrient availability and compaction (from foot/machine traffic) can be limiting factors in turf quality. All the same can be limiting factors for tree growth as well. Most times we just have a few trees, so shade is not as big a problem for their health. But one tree growing alone tends to branch out. Remember the healthiest trees grow in forests. Tall straight growth with most of branches at the top of the canopy make for healthy specimens. Lots of lower branches increase the risk of wind damage and poor growth habit which also causes more shade. You guessed right...it makes it hard to grow grass under it.

Do you like your trees but your turf is struggling? Add mulch beds, river stone or hardscapes to remove suffering areas. Would you prefer to improve the grass on your property? Remove trees and do some canopy thinning. Sunlight, air movement and drainage improvement will help turf tremendously. In either case, give us a call to improve your outdoor living space.



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## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our Commitment Is To Exceed Your  
Highest Expectations The First Time

Well it's that time of year again. Temperatures are rising, the days are getting longer and before you know it, the birds will be back chirping away. I know I say this every spring but, "how time flies." H&M Landscaping is now in its 32nd year of business. It seems like it was just yesterday when I was pulling a mower behind my mom's Blazer cutting grass and not having a care in the world. It's hard to believe but it's been 6 years now since the biggest influence in my life, my dad, passed away. He helped to make me the man I am today. I miss him every day and I hope and pray my 2 daughters, Maria and Isabella, respect me half as much as I respected my father. It's kind of ironic that as life progresses how I have a ton of regrets on the things I should have said, and the time I should have spent with him.

This year I want to thank my wife. I have always said, "behind every good man is a great woman." I have been married 22 years as of November 8th. As you can imagine owning a business and being married can offer up a lot of challenges over such a long period of time. I can say with certainty I would not be in the spot I am today without my wife. She is a great wife, amazing mother and runs our home like a Fortune 500 company. I knew I could concentrate on the business because our home was in such good hands. Now I will tell you it hasn't been easy but at the end of the day there's no other lady I would want by my side when all trials and tribulations hit the wall. Stacey, thank you for everything you have done, for all the holidays I missed because I had to go out and plow or all the late-night Friday or Saturday calls that I had to step away to deal with while we were on a date or with the family. Most of all, I am extremely grateful for you helping me raise 2 amazing daughters...daughters that have a tremendous work ethic and who are passionate about what they do. The adage of a child is a product of their environment is so true. I love both of you more than you will ever know. Continue to reach for the stars, push yourself outside your comfort zone and speak your mind because a person without a purpose is just coasting through life. When you have purpose and passion you are creating your own fortune.

I will leave you all with this. Take an extra second to hug your child, tell them you love them because as a parent life goes by way too fast and you can't change the past.

**Mark Mazzurco, President**

It's not about "having" time. It's about "making" time.  
*Unknown*

Plan. Design. Build. Enjoy.



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BRING YOUR PATIO AREA BACK TO LIFE

Brian Franko, Hardscape Supervisor

With the winter months winding down, now is the time to start thinking about getting your outdoor space ready for the upcoming summer season. If your backyard living space was installed many years ago, the elements and time have probably taken their toll on your patio area. Discolored patio surfaces, leaning or settled walls, as well as settled patio areas are all easy fixes to bring some life back into your outdoor entertainment area. Releveling settled patio areas where water tends to collect is also an easy fix.

The first step is to determine what areas, if any, need relevelled or repaired before we start the cleaning process. We remove the patio area that needs relevelled and then inspect the patio base to see what caused the settling and what needs to be done to relevel the area. We also inspect any walls, pillars, steps or structures that need adjustment. Depending on the structure, time and care disassembling is key and the most important part of the process. Often the product that the customer already has in place can be reused. With some product cleaning and careful reassembly, there isn't much that H&M can't do to bring the vibrance back into your outdoor living space.

Once all releveling and repairs have been made, the next step is a good power wash with the proper stone and paver cleaners. H&M uses Alliance Gator Clean for all brick patio and stone wall cleaning needs. Alliance offers a wide variety of stone and brick cleaners for all types of applications. Whether it's stubborn calcium that is bleeding through and leaving white chalky stains or leaves and debris left on the patio that has started to decompose leaving nasty black stains everywhere, our trained technicians know what process to use for each situation.

Once the releveling and cleaning process is finished, the patio gets sanded with Polybind Polymeric Sand. The sand sets up almost like concrete which helps keep the weeds from growing in the cracks of your patio block and deters ants and other insects from setting up residence and compromising the sand. It is at this point that the patio can be sealed in either a high gloss or matte finish.

Call H&M Landscaping today for a free estimate on bringing your backyard patio back to life.



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BEHIND THE SCENES WITH  
Stan Deweese, Yard Manager

Hi, I'm Stan Deweese the Yard Manager at H&M Landscaping. It's getting to be that time of year, and the men and I have been busy preparing for another spring season. H&M has 6 mowing crews in Newbury and 12 in Oakwood. That means all mowers are power washed, mower decks cleaned, blades sharpened, oil & filters changed, spark plugs replaced, and tires checked. Then we try them out to make sure everything works! That is just the mowers, the line trimmers, back pack blowers, walk-behind blowers, hedge trimmers and chain saws get a thorough going over as well. Hand tools are cleaned and inventoried. Trailers and trucks are maintained to be ready for the season to begin for the one hundred men who operate them. Homeowners need to take this opportunity to get their own "yard" in order to be ready for the first stretch of warm days as well. This maintenance needs to be completed on your own home equipment. A hardware store or mower shop can assist with blade sharpening and balancing, if needed. Take a walk around your own yard, checking for winter damage and areas of concern. If you find these tasks overwhelming or time is against you, let us know! We can give you quote on a spring cleanup, grass maintenance and a fertilizer program that will allow you to enjoy the beauty of spring!

Ps: I just saw two robins in my Bradford Pear tree!

DID YOU KNOW?

Nick Tinik  
Maintenance Production Manager

- ◆ Spring fever is a real syndrome. When the temperature rises during a warm spell after a long winter, there is a dilation of the blood vessels so blood can be carried to the body surface where heat can be lost quickly. People experience an energetic feeling when this happens.
- ◆ Benjamin Franklin was the first to propose daylight savings time in 1784. It wasn't fully implemented until the end of the WWII.
- ◆ The first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere is the first day of fall in the Southern hemisphere.
- ◆ The Ancient Egyptians built the Great Sphinx facing the rising sun during the spring equinox.
- ◆ On the first day of spring, a person at the North Pole would see the sun skimming across the horizon, beginning six months of uninterrupted daylight. A person at the South Pole would see the sun skimming across the horizon, signaling the start of six months of darkness.

Design a New Outdoor Kitchen  
with ClifRock

Craig Kachline, Construction Production Manager

Start planning your new outdoor kitchen now with our newest product, **ClifRock**. This product allows us to create unlimited layouts and designs. H&M Landscaping can design and build your outdoor dream kitchen to include your favorite BBQ and cooking appliances from our line of featured Summerset products or a special product of your choice. **ClifRock** is an engineered stone panel that has a much lighter footprint than most other products. It is engineered to be weather resistant with ~9000 psi and you can choose from many patterns and colors. **ClifRock** can be installed much faster than traditional methods as well, so you can enjoy your new outdoor kitchen sooner. Call H&M Landscaping today to set up an appointment so your new outdoor kitchen is ready for summer 2019 or sooner!



GET TO KNOW....

Chris White,  
Executive Vice President

Chris lives in Stow with his wife, 2 daughters and 2 Labrador Retrievers. He is a long-distance runner and has completed 3 marathons. He also loves music, cooking and reading.

Chris has spent 30+ years in the landscape industry. He has extensive experience in operations management, production and efficiency. Having worked at a small business, he's also had the unique opportunity to wear many hats including

sales, human resources, fleet management and financial analysis. "I look forward to serving the H&M employees and customers", said Chris.

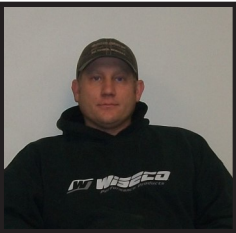
Training is another realm that Chris enjoys. "I try to instill in people, the standard you walk past is the standard you accept." He adds, "People are inherently good and want to do well at work. I like to see them excel."



IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER: Our newly designed/built H&M sandstone sign!

Congratulations on your Promotion!

Steve Petersen,  
Senior Construction Supervisor



Kevin McCausland,  
Assistant Production Manager



Dean Cook,  
Construction Supervisor



Aaron Medley,  
Account Manager



Spring Clean Up  
Kathy Hupp, Office Assistant

After a long, cold, winter we finally see the Crocus. It signals what is soon to come..spring! You might also look out and see fallen branches, blown leaves and your bed edging merging in with the lawn. That's when you call H&M to get a free quote on spring clean-up! Let us clean up all the debris, do some light pruning and bed edging. Get your yard in shape now so that you can enjoy the spring flora!

Let your garden dreams blossom with H&M Landscaping!