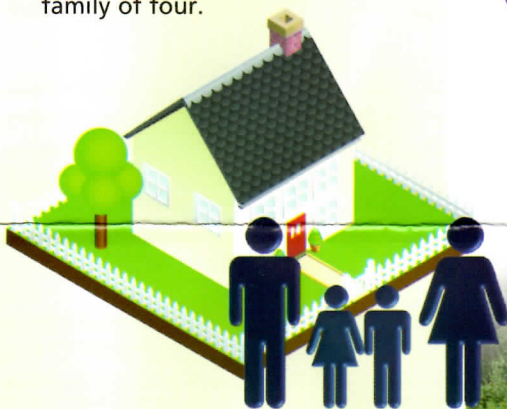


MAY WE RECOMMEND...

- National Arbor Day is the last Friday in April. Visit www.arborday.org for some great ideas on how you can get involved.
- If you notice any dead or brown patches in your lawn, try raking them to stimulate new grass growth.
- Flowering trees and shrubs should be pruned right after they bloom. Waiting too long will lead to nipping of next year's buds.
- Consider adding a blended topsoil mix to your planting beds. A combination of topsoil, sand and compost will promote healthier growth.

APRIL IS NATIONAL LAWN CARE MONTH! HERE ARE SOME QUICK FACTS ABOUT LAWNS THAT YOU MAY NOT KNOW:

- A 50' x 50' lawn produces enough daily oxygen for a family of four.



- Eight healthy front lawns have the cooling effect of 70 tons of air conditioning. That's enough for 16 average homes!
- There are more than 30 million acres of lawn in the United States alone.



Outdoor Fireplaces Are a Hot Item!

One of the biggest trends in landscape improvements is the outdoor fireplace, which makes it possible to enjoy your outdoor living space all year-round. If you've been thinking about adding a fireplace to your landscape, you have some decisions to make. For example:

- 1 Do you want gas-burning or wood-burning? Wood-burning fireplaces provide a more authentic look and feel with crackling sounds and the smell of smoke. Gas-burning fireplaces don't create any smoke and are easily turned on and off.
- 2 Do you want to include a grill for barbecuing? What about storage space for wood or shelves to hold other items?
- 3 What construction materials do you want to use? Brick, stone, concrete...a combination of all three? How about adding small rocks or tiles for a unique finishing touch?
- 4 Where will your fireplace be located? You'll want to keep it as far away as possible from your home, plants and any other structures that could burn. Also, be sure that there is at least 3' of clearance between seating areas and the fireplace (for both safety and comfort).

Carefully planned and professionally installed, an outdoor fireplace is sure to become a popular "hot spot" on your property. Enjoy!



An outdoor fireplace and pool combine for multi-season enjoyment.