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### Some Random Landscape Thoughts

The look of natural stone is lovely and it is also beneficial to have this material incorporated in your landscaping. Natural stone is, well, natural. It's something that's been around forever. It adds value, aesthetic appeal and interest to any yard.

#### Health Benefits

There are some health benefits associated with natural stone landscaping. The prettier and more appealing your landscape is, the more you will desire to spend time outdoors. Being outside can help you feel more calm and happier. When you're outside and you're relaxed, you feel less stress and anxiety; and you experience better health.

#### Landscaping Protection

Natural stone can protect your vegetation and flowers from unfortunate weather occurrences. They also help to keep your yard looking beautiful and put together.

Perhaps one of the best parts of any natural stone landscape design, is the fact that it allows you numerous options in terms of appearance. For example, there are dark stones, light stones, colored stones and even different sizes available for you to choose. Each one makes a huge difference in the appearance of your landscape, offering something uniquely different and slightly more appealing, depending on the overall look of your home and the concept behind your design.

Happy Landscaping!

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### HEALTHY GRASS

#### WATER

An inch of water a week is best, with less frequent & deeper waterings to give the roots a good solid soak.

#### MOW

Trim grass to 2.5 to 3 inches, mowing shorter can damage the grass.

#### FERTILIZE

4-6 applications of fertilizer per year is recommended, generally fall's application is the most important.



# How to Firescape Your Yard

Firescaping is a preventative form of landscaping design that focuses on keeping every inch of a property clean and clear of potential fire risks.

Homeowners who live in high-risk areas can use fire-prevention landscaping techniques to help protect their property.

**Choose fire-resistant plants:** Most deciduous trees and shrubs are fire-resistant. Some good trees to plant are varieties of maple, dogwood, alder, birch and ash. Some good shrubs include buttonbush, beautyberry and hydrangea.

**Keep plants watered during fire season:** Well-watered healthy plants burn slowly, but be careful not to overwater.

**Develop defensible space:** Create a good buffer zone around your house of at least 30 feet. Remove any branches growing within 10 feet of your home. Place shrubs away from your home and prune them on a regular basis.

**Create plant islands:** Arrange shrubs and other plants in small and irregular clusters, that are at least 15 feet apart.

**Use mulches:** They conserve moisture and keep weeds at a minimum. However, do not mulch with pine bark or pine needles in fire-prone areas.

**Create firebreaks:** Incorporate concrete or stone patios, walkways, driveways and walls into your landscape design.

**Perform regular maintenance:** Keep lawns mowed to a height of six inches or less. Clear pine needles from rooftops and remove flammable materials in the yard.

