# Landscape DIY

#### Welcome!

Thank you for logging on to Facebook live and joining us

Whether you are an experienced gardener or a novice we hope to provide you with some guidance and great ideas on how to create an outdoor space that will meet your needs and look great all season long!

#### Steps:

- 1. Plan Ahead
- 2. Prepare the Space
- 3. Purchase Plants and other materials here at PHN
- 4. Ensure success by using quality compost and mulch
- 5. Watering Wisely (Guidelines)

#### 1. Plan Ahead:

- Site analysis- what are the components of the space you are looking to design
- Design the space with those specific components in mind
- -Sun Exposure
  - o -Existing overstory trees, existing shrubs
  - o -circulation
  - o -drainage
- Add elements
  - o -vegetable garden
  - o -walkways, patios, retaining wall
  - o -utility screen
- Right Plant for the Right Place- Check your zone for plant hardiness (we are zone 5a) and begin to pick out plants based on size, sun exposure (full sun, part sun, shade), and wet tolerance this will take some time/research
- Style of Landscape
  - o -English Garden
  - o -Natural or Country
- Draw the site to scale as best you can and begin to use bubbles to visually organize the space with the plants
- Use interesting textures and colors when choosing plants and repeat grouping together like plants
- Layering plants from larger-smaller and staggering flowering periods

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#### 2. Prepare the Space:

- Call Julie to locate the underground utilities dial 811
- Soil test
- Rent sod cutter
- Compost and or fertilizer

#### 3. Purchase Plants and Materials here at Platt Hill Nursery:

- Bring in your sketch and plant preferences and our nursery staff will offer their expertise to help you gather everything you will need to start the project
- Lay out the plants before digging the holes to get a sense of the final look

## 4. Finish for success:

- Use premium mulch
- Use a lighter hand at base of plants

#### 5. Water Wisely:

• Know the watering requirements of your plants- Trees require a heavier, deeper watering than the small perennials

## Let us help!

Our Landscape Services include Delivery and Planting of anything you don't want to do yourself! So, go ahead and get the larger tree and check out our planting services. Thank You!