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SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM ALL OF US AT ROBBINS LANDSCAPING, INC.

We here at Robbins Landscaping would like to take this opportunity to extend to all of you our heartfelt thanks for your patronage and friendship over the past year. We know that you could choose any number of companies to care for your properties and we are grateful that you have allowed us to serve you.

As we all know, the year 2008 has ushered in some big ups and downs to our economy. With gas, grocery, and material prices soaring and the housing market slumping, we have all felt the affect of the economic forces on our lives and our businesses. As we do every year, we will review our processes to find ways to be more efficient, effective, and cost conscious so that we may offer the best value to you, our client. Hopefully the new year will bring more and better opportunities to all of us.

Our company's year brought a number of big events as well: we purchased and moved the company into a new home in Chesterfield county, were able to keep our work force stable to grow with our business developments, and we were nominated and won the national 'Pros in Excellence' award .

Once again your choosing us to be your landscaping service provider is the reason we have been able to accomplish many of our company goals this year. So thank you, thank you, **THANK YOU** from the bottom of our hearts. **May this season bring you joy and may you have a happy, prosperous new year!!**

WINTER TURF TIPS FROM CHRIS EDWARDS:

1. This is a great time to have your soil tested. Your soil pH test will give guidelines for what is needed to maintain a healthy lawn. Give us a call and we can handle your soil test for you.
2. If needed, apply dolomitic limestone to the lawn so that fall rain and winter snow can wash it into the soil.
3. A December application of fertilizer is very beneficial to a lawn of cool-season grasses. It promotes root development without excessive top growth. With a strong root system, your lawn will be better able to withstand drought conditions next summer.
4. Minimize traffic on a frozen lawn to reduce winter damage.

*Information for these tips was obtained from the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service website.

Now that the leaves are down and the landscape bare...

PROTECT AND BEAUTIFY NOW



NOW is the PERFECT TIME OF YEAR to curl up in front of a warm fire with a cup of hot cocoa and let US work some magic with mulch in your winter landscape!

Beyond its aesthetic benefit, mulching is another way to care for your landscape investment by protecting your plants, using water wisely, and amending the soil with very little work.

Placed in beds around your plants and trees, it helps them to retain moisture even through the winter months. It also protects the roots, and will shelter newly sprouting vegetation from damage due to freezing temperatures.

Weed production is slowed by its presence, and when they do crop up they are easier to spot in mulch and can be removed quickly. Rapid elimination of weeds is crucial; they compete with your plants for water.

One additional advantage of applying mulch is what it does for the soil it sits on. As it decomposes, it serves as a beneficial soil amender.

Call Kathryn or Chris at 804-748-3978 to arrange a mulching visit this winter.

DECEMBER CHORES

- ⇒ Prune back unruly shrubs and groundcovers.
- ⇒ Apply slow release fertilizer around the base of plants.
- ⇒ Look around your property for places that would benefit from winter color.
- ⇒ Schedule mulching to protect your plants—2-3" is the recommended depth..

TOP 10 LESSONS WE CAN LEARN FROM A SNOWMAN!

10. Wearing white is always in style...even after Labor Day!
9. Getting outside in the winter is good for your health!
8. We're all made up of mostly water...so don't be a drip.
7. Accessories don't have to be expensive.
6. If you're a little bottom heavy—hey, that's okay!
5. You know you've made it when they write a song about you!
4. If you look down and can't see your feet, you're probably not very active.
3. Sometimes sweating too much can have disastrous results!
2. Don't get too much sun!!



AND THE NUMBER ONE LESSON WE CAN LEARN FROM FROSTIE IS...

1. It's FUN just to hang out in your front yard!

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Happy Holidays...



STILL LOOKING FOR THAT PERFECT GIFT?

You know how it is. You rack your brain, but there is always that one relative, friend, or associate for whom it is always difficult to find the right gift. Why not consider a gift certificate for landscaping services this year? Just about everyone loves to make their yard look nicer. A gift certificate from Robbins Landscaping can be used for toward any of our design, build, or property management services. Give us a call and end that gift giving stress today and give a gift that will grow and last long into the future!

From your friends at Robbins Landscaping!!