

Landscape Clean up

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There never fails to be a lot of people offering to do the Spring Clean Up on your yard this time of year. Prices vary greatly but you should be asking some questions about the company before you use them.

One very important question is what type references to do they have. Save yourself some misery and ask.

Do they normally mow lawns? A Landscaper is not normally the company that mows lawns although there are some exceptions. Landscapers work on the entire yard and while they may also mow, they are generally experts in all areas of the landscape. This is similar to asking the person that cleans your home to do the interior design for your entire house. They know how to clean the house but are not knowledgeable about how the other parts work.

Look at the yards that they already work on. Just because they say they know how to mow a yard and trim shrubs, look at their work. Look at the shrubs; are they all leggy and thin? Is the edging between the grass line and beds a wide path? These are all signs of a poorly cared for yard.

A question that is not asked nearly enough is do they have insurance. If there is an accident or injury on your property, do you want the report filed on your homeowner's policy or theirs?

Remember that it takes a good while for your yard and plants to recover from a unqualified landscaper. You may lose the entire years worth of blooms from a plant trimmed improperly or at the wrong time.

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