



# January

It's a new year and time to get planning!

- Schedule your irrigation start up and yearly maintenance with Rock Solid and take advantage of the early bird discount.



# February

We love that spring is just a few short weeks away. (Okay, maybe more.)

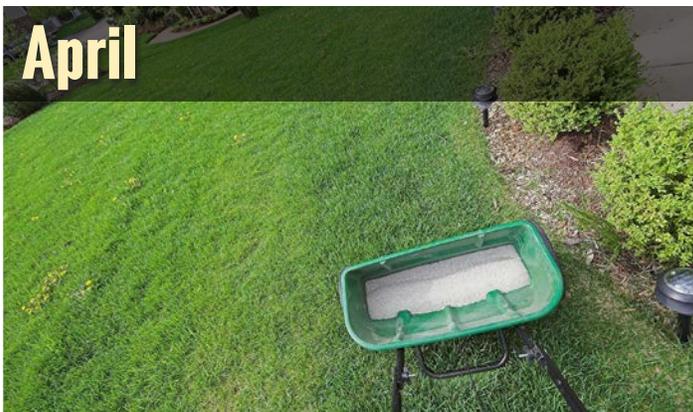
- Home and Garden shows start this month. Check them out for ideas, inspiration, and the promise that winter will end one day soon.

March is historically the snowiest month of the year and the thermometer can still drop below freezing. However, if you're infected with spring fever, there are a few things you can do now to get things rolling.

- Start some veggie seeds indoors—broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts—to get a head start on the growing season.
- Prune trees.
- Test your soil to see what kind of nutrients are missing.
- Ask the landscaping pros at Rock Solid to help design and choose materials for your new patio.
- Set an irrigation start up appointment for your existing system, or talk to Rock Solid about installing a new system.



# March



# April

Rain is in the forecast, which is great for getting rid of that grimy snow and nourishing your lawn. Spring is officially here and there's lots to do.

- Dethatch your lawn to eliminate harmful build up.
- If the snow is gone, gently rake up any leaves, winter mulch, or dead plants from your garden.
- Fertilize your lawn.
- If you still haven't set up an irrigation appointment, you'd better do it now. Landscaping/lawn care companies book up fast in the spring.
- Ensure your mower is in good working order. Clean out clippings; check spark plugs, and fuel filters; and change the oil. Inspect the mower blades to see if they need sharpening.

This is what we've been waiting for! Since we're in Zone 4, experts recommend waiting until May 15th to plant your garden, as it's not likely we'll experience any more hard frosts after that date.

- Begin planting warm-season annuals and summer bulbs.
- Mulch around newly planted flowers, vegetables, and trees to retain moisture and repel weeds.
- Stick to a regular watering schedule. Talk to Rock Solid about drip irrigation to efficiently and cost-effectively maintain your plants.
- Now's the perfect time to build that retaining wall or put in a garden path. Ask the landscaping experts at Rock Solid about design and installation.
- Wait until the grass is dry to mow and never cut more than 1/3 off the grass height.



# May

Some of the best weather of the year arrives this month, which means you're probably going to be spending a lot more time outdoors.

- Consider adding an outdoor kitchen. Ask the experts at Rock Solid for ideas that expand your indoors into your outdoors.
- Thin overloaded fruit trees in order to produce larger, healthier fruit.
- Add a water feature to your patio. Nothing is more soothing than the sight and sound of cascading water. (Rock Solid can help!)
- Deadhead faded blooms to keep your garden growing and looking lovely.
- Extend your harvest by planting more carrots and beans now.



# June

Fourth of July, summer vacation, days at the beach, nights under the stars. Sometimes it seems like there aren't enough hours in the day.

- Talk to Rock Solid about outdoor lighting. Whether illuminating a garden path for safety or adding outdoor motion detecting lights for security, we'll shine a spotlight on what you need.
- Add easy-to-install permeable pavers. They allow water to go through your patio and be absorbed into the ground.
- It's time to party! This is a great time to install an outdoor stereo for those neighborhood BBQs and pool parties. (Rock Solid can help!)
- Slugs in the garden? Put out shallow dishes of beer. Slugs like to party too.
- Avoid evaporation from the hot sun by watering your plants in early morning or late evening.

# July



# August



Although summer is winding down, there's still lots to do in the yard before the season ends.

- Ripen your tomatoes on the vine. Put fallen green ones in a brown paper bag to ripen.
- Fertilize roses for the last time this season.
- Plant trees and shrubs. Look for closeout savings at your local nursery.
- Add a new layer of mulch around perennials, trees, and shrubs to keep soil moist, weeds down, and your yard looking attractive.
- Apply herbicide now to keep weeds from coming back in the spring. (Rock Solid can help!)

It's back to school and hectic schedules. Weekends will be busy getting your outdoor living space ready for the season ahead.

- Fertilize and aerate your lawn for stronger grass and roots next spring.
- It's not too late to put in a fire pit and extend the season on those cool autumn nights. (Rock Solid can help!)
- Overseed your turf for thicker grass next spring.
- Plant spring bulbs, cut back perennials, and clean out annuals and weeds.

# September



Autumn is in full swing now. You've harvested your garden and can sit back enjoy the fruits (and veggies) of your labors.

- Schedule your sprinkler blow out to avoid freezing, swelling, and ruptured pipes this winter.
- Clean and store patio furniture.
- Water your evergreens well before winter to avoid brown needles in the spring.
- Winterize your mower by running it until all the gas is gone, changing the oil, charging the battery, and cleaning the underside.
- Call Rock Solid for fall lawn clean up, including raking and disposal of all leaves and debris.

# October



Those cold winds and snow flurries are just nature's way of giving us a break from yard work. In a few months, you'll be anxious to get back at it again.

- Be first in line next spring. Call Rock Solid now to schedule your patio, retaining wall, irrigation system, and more.
- Prevent winter damage by adding mulch to your flower beds after the ground freezes.
- Order seed catalogs and start planning next year's garden now.
- Keep deer from doing damage by covering trees and shrubs.
- Don't forget your feathered friends. Put bird seed out now.

# November



# December



Happiest of holidays from the team at Rock Solid.

- If you haven't done it yet, it's time to get your snow blower ready for the upcoming season.
- Heavy snow can break evergreen branches. Try to remove to avoid damage.
- Don't forget, spring is just a few short months away.