



Landscape Design







If your goals include mowing less lawn and seeing more pollinators/butterflies/bea uty on your property, how do you get there? 4 easy steps!

1) Have the dream.

2) Call me and we'll meet!

3) New Garden Prep Phase: either the organic, no till "lasagna method," hard weeding prep, or dethatching. There's situational reasons for each method.

4) Plant! We can do it or we can teach you best practices for native plant gardens to DIY.

"When you are building a new garden bed into existing turf, how do you decide whether to dethatch, or use the lasagna method?"

The main consideration for me re: og lasagna method vs dethatching for new bed development is size of the project. If it's tiny, we usually opt to dethatch. There's a threshold where dethatching becomes so much work, and it saves both time and money to do lasagna organic no-till method. There's benefits to both systems. Plants l o v e moving their roots easily into a dethatched, loose soil space that's been done by hand tools: shovels and spades. (Machinery compacts soil and injures tree roots. Except for vegetable gardens, rototillers should never be used. For landscaping use, it's helpful to think of the ground level topsoil as your earth's stomach. If someone stuck a rototiller in your stomach, you'd HATE it. Right? The land has feelings just like you.)

Lasagna method is really good for the earth. It respects all the sophisticated microbial layer relationships in the soil that can take decades to develop. It takes patience: you have to wait at least a week once the layers are built to return and plant. But for large beds, esp for lawn reduction projects, lasagna no-till method is champion!



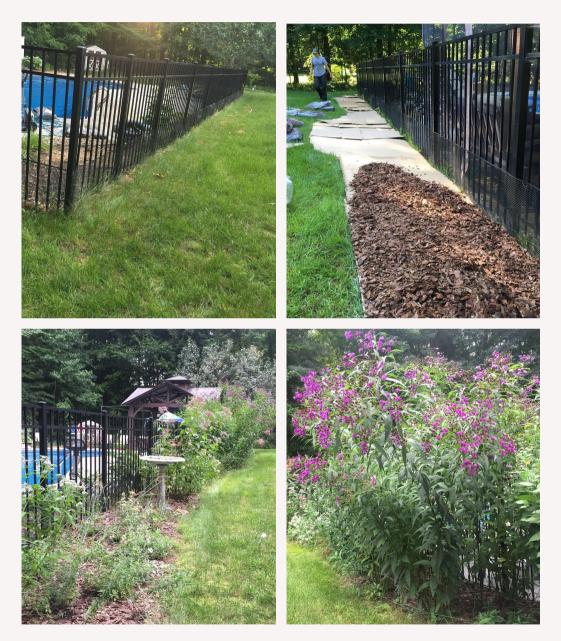
Whether your choice is leaf mulch, compost, bark mulch or wood chips, there's a right way to mulch and the other way, that smothers plants. "Mulch Volcanoes" aren't just for trees. Every plant needs some breathing room.





Lasagna: Before / After

Step by Step





Before

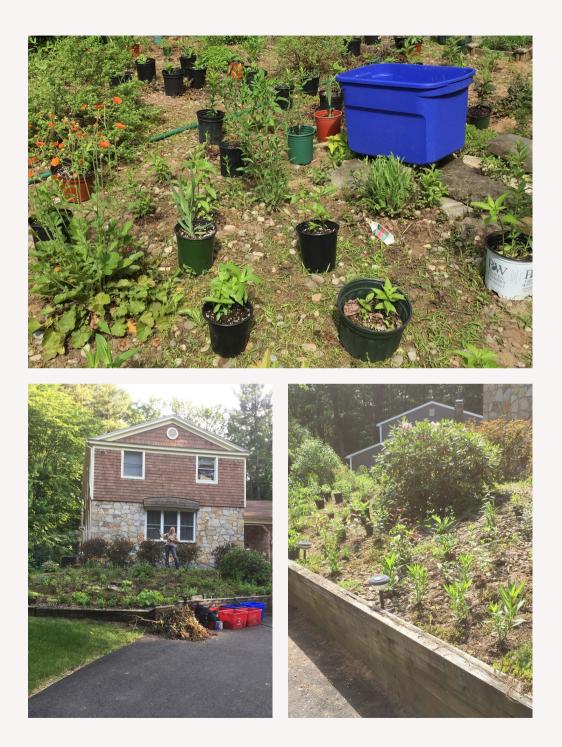


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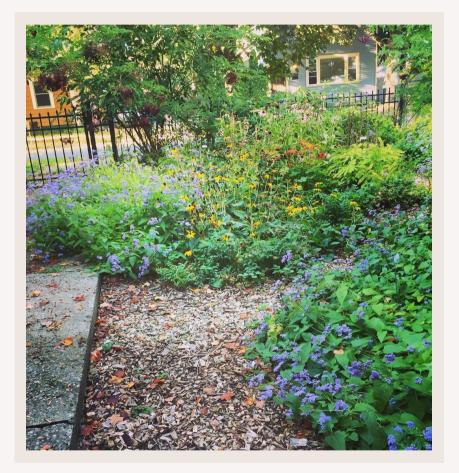




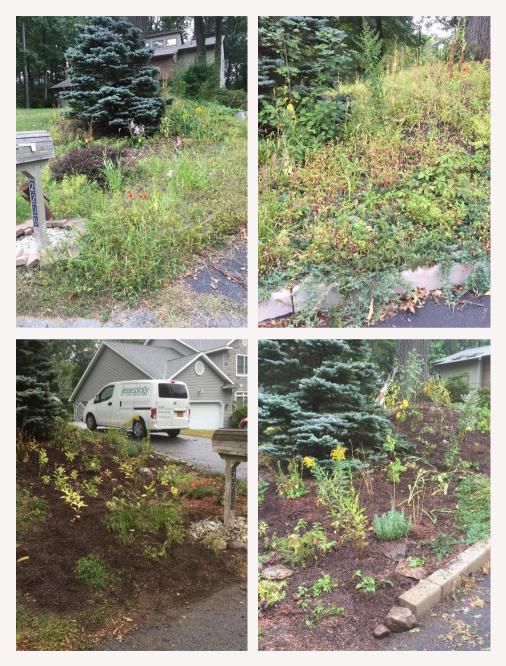








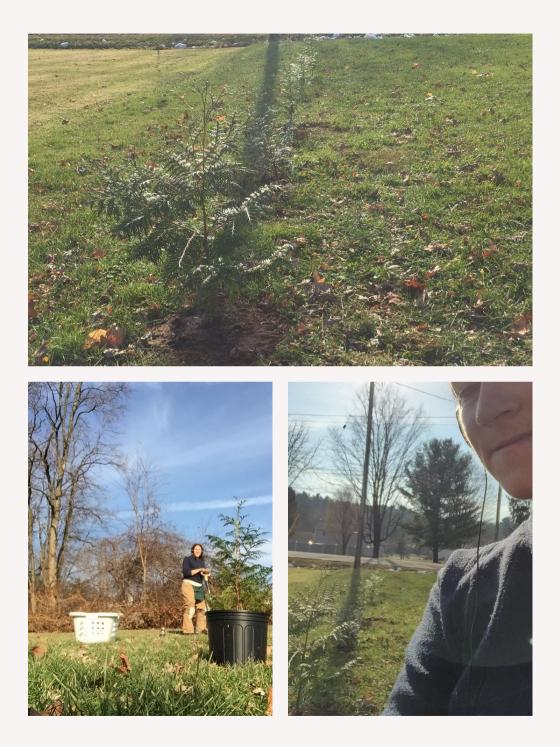
Before



After





















Before



After

