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# PATHWAYS



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## Here's What Your Neighbors Are Saying About Us:

*"My family and I thank you for the magic you created in our backyard. Your vision of the pond with the waterfall and plantings as well as the slate patio and natural stone stairs turned out way beyond our expectations.... As I look out my kitchen window or sit on the patio or by the pond, I am filled with such joy at the beauty that surrounds me. Again, thank you for the enchantment that you created for us.*

Joan Silber  
Silver Spring, MD

*"One year after you finished our landscaping, I must say that we are overwhelmed at how fabulous you have made our home look."*

Neal B. Bobys  
Rockville, MD

*"Thanks to you for the beautiful flagstone path we now enjoy on the north side of our house. The path enhances the natural lay of the land and complements the existing plantings."*

Carolyn J. Ferrari  
Bethesda, MD

*"I cannot tell you how beautiful our lot has become since you and your crew completed the redesign of our front yard....It is a rare experience when the landscape one imagines pales in comparison with the real thing!"*

Mitchell J. Rotbert  
North Potomac, MD

## Greetings From Mark

President, East Coast Landscape

Dear Clients & Friends,

It won't be long before the Artic temperatures of Winter give way to the comforts of Spring. Soft, green grass will return, long-hidden bulbs will push up, and you and your neighbors will spend more time outdoors.

Will the outside of your home be a welcoming site? Before guests even enter your home, your landscaping already has made a powerful first impression. What kind of setting will greet visitors? The choice is yours. The sophistication, beauty and sensibility

that define America's East Coast can also be the hallmarks of your home.

- Do you have visions of relaxing in your backyard amid a manicured garden with the soothing sounds of a water feature completing the picture of tranquility?
- Would you like to host neighborhood gatherings in a backyard of which you can be proud?
- How about finally giving your front yard the facelift that more accurately reflects your taste and home décor?



Through creative design, expert installation, and top-quality service, your home can showcase landscape that is both inviting and awe-inspiring. Whether you're interested in beautiful, unique landscape designs, tranquil water features, aesthetically pleasing and functional retaining walls, and/or inviting paver walkways and/or patios, East Coast Landscape wants to work with you.

## Tips For Getting Started

Don't be overwhelmed by the change in season. By taking just a short amount of time each day, you can make considerable progress in improving your yard's appearance. Here are just a few things you can do to provide

an instant improvement:

**Weed** – By taking just a few minutes each day, you can clean out those pesky intruders and clear the way for a fresh batch of mulch or more plants and flowers.

**Redefine beds** – If grass is beginning to encroach on your beds, now is the time to push the growth back. This process won't take long, but will make a big difference.

**Mulch** – Mulch is essential to

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## Put Safety First

Creating dazzling home exteriors is my business, but as a father of two young children, I know nothing is more important to a yard than safety. As a public service to you, I've included the following **Home Playground Safety Checklist** from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and KaBOOM, a non-profit organization.



1. Install and maintain a shock-absorbing surface around the play equipment. Use at least 9 inches of wood chips, mulch, or shredded rubber for play equipment up to 7 feet high. If sand or pea gravel is used, install at least a 9-inch layer for play equipment up to 5 feet high. Or, use surfacing mats made of safety-tested rubber or rubber-like materials.

2. Install protective surfacing at least 6 feet in all directions from play equipment. For swings, be sure surfacing extends, in back and front, twice the height of the suspending bar.

3. Never attach – or allow children to attach – ropes, jump ropes, clotheslines, or pet leashes to play equipment; children can strangle on these.

4. Check for hardware, like open “S” hooks or protruding bolt ends, which can be hazardous.

5. Check for spaces that could trap children, such as opening in guardrails or between ladder rounds; these spaces should measure less than 3.5 inches or more than 9 inches.

6. Make sure platforms and ramps have guardrails to prevent falls.

7. Check for sharp points or edges in equipment.

8. Remove tripping hazards, like exposed concrete footings, tree stumps, and rocks.

9. Regularly check play equipment and surfacing to

make sure both are in good condition.

10. Carefully supervise children on play equipment to make sure they are safe.

Most injuries occur when a child falls from play equipment. Many background playsets are placed on dirt or grass – surfaces that do not adequately protect children when they fall.

– U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and KaBOOM!

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any well-kept yard. Not only does it help to protect plants and flowers, it also greatly enhances the appearance of your yard. Buy in bulk. It's generally cheaper to buy by the yard than by individual bags. A cubic yard of mulch fills about 107 square

feet to a depth of 3 inches.

**Plan** – Make a wish list for your landscaping project. Drive around neighborhoods to see what designs appeal to you. Check out landscaping designs (our portfolio is available online - [www.eclandscapedesign.com](http://www.eclandscapedesign.com)).

Make sure your landscaping plan suits your personality and lifestyle.

For example, take into account how much time you want to devote to yard work and gardening. And know what you want to accomplish. Do you

want more privacy? Do you want to create a tranquil backyard? Keep all these issues in mind, as well as drainage and other concerns.

We'll work with you to create the yard of your dreams. And to keep your landscape looking great, we recommend East Coast Lawn. They will professionally treat and maintain your lawn, ornamental shrubs, and trees to keep your yard in top shape and preserve your investment. Give them a call at 301-963-2011. Tell them Mark sent you.

"It's the whole package – dealing with clients, helping to make decisions. I like it all."

## Meet Lisa Parker

When you call East Coast Landscape at 301-421-4141 you will be greeted by someone who knows a thing or two about multi-tasking.

Lisa Parker's job title of "Office Manager" belies the multitude of responsibilities that she has assumed since joining East Coast Landscape four years ago. Lisa's fingerprints are on virtually every aspect of our office – accounts payable and receivable; ordering plants and

material; and writing proposals.

Lisa, whose outgoing personality shines even across the phone lines, finds it impossible to name her favorite aspect of the job. "It's the whole package – dealing with clients, helping to make decisions. I like it all."

When she does manage to leave the office, Lisa goes home to her husband and three kids – a 16-year-old daughter and 12-year-old twins (a boy and a girl).



**Lisa Parker**  
Office Manager  
East Coast Landscape

## Waterscapes

## Landscapes

## Hardscapes

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