

Q: I wanted to add some curb appeal to my home at night, what are the benefits to installing outdoor low voltage lighting and are LEDs really worth the extra money?

A: *Landscape lighting is a great way to add interest and drama to your home and landscape at night. Lighting can highlight the focal points of your home and draw attention to that favorite tree or shrub. Outdoor lighting - just like inside your home - can provide purpose and function as it brightens up patio or deck area, adds safety by illuminating pathways and potential trip hazards and security as you light up doorways and windows. There are two types of low voltage lighting:*

halogen and LED. Halogens are a far less expensive fixture, allowing you to add more lights for less money but they require more maintenance than LED lights. LED lights require no maintenance as they last for much longer - about 40,000 hours. And LED lights save about 80% in energy costs which is good for the environment. At first LED lights had a brighter white light unlike the calmer low light of a halogen but now LEDs have softened their appearance, making it difficult to tell the difference between the two. I suggest you go with LED, you won't be disappointed.



CHRIS' THOUGHTS

When planning a patio the most critical decision is what the patio material will be. As the industry grows there are an endless amount of choices out there. I wanted to spend this time explaining what's been the prevailing trend for me this season. Like everything else, things come back in style and natural stone has seen a renewed popularity. I have had several jobs installing flagstone as edging: it's wider than brick, it doesn't fade and it looks great. We have also installed a lot of boulders and out cropping rocks this year. These act as unique focal points in the landscape, provide a function as they retain soil and are maintenance free. As natural stone has always been available, man-made concrete cast pavers that looks identical to natural stone and are more affordable are a relatively new application. It saves so much time in installation compared to its natural stone counterpart. Now we can build patios and walls with the amazing natural look with the ease of a concrete brick or block. Check out these photos of some of our work from this year:



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Fall maintenance is important for establishing a healthy, green lawn in spring. Lawn aeration, the process of removing small plugs of thatch and soil, will improve the flow of air, water and nutrients to your grass. Fall is also the best time to overseed a lawn or repair thin or bare areas. The cool nights and mild, shorter days provide the ideal conditions for seed germination and mean less watering.

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