

## THE LEAF

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## **Irrigation Check**

Summer is here and irrigation is on everyone's mind. Please call us to be sure your irrigation system is running as it should, one of our trained techs will run through your system to make certain everything is running properly. Irrigation leaks or broken heads will increase your water bill and can harm your plant material. As a landscape matures modifications may be needed to confirm all of the plantings are getting properly irrigated.

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## **Save Money and Water**

There are multiple benefits to drip irrigation, and our customers generally see a reduction in their water bill. By applying water only where and when it is needed, with less runoff, deep percolation, and evaporation from leaves and soil, the uniform application of water from drip irrigation systems can achieve high water savings. Watering only the roots of the plants also helps to cut down on weed growth. Low volume irrigation systems can be placed in difficult to water sites that are steep, oddly shaped, or in windy areas. Other than saving money, the most important aspect of drip irrigation is the ability to maintain constant soil moisture in the targeted area, making the root zone more conducive to plant growth.

## **Retaining Walls**

We live in a beautiful area with rolling hills and steep ridges, often requiring the use of retaining walls to achieve a flat yard area. Retaining walls are typically thought of as utilitarian and for merely holding back soil, but you can use them to create attractive outdoor living spaces and integrate multi-use spaces. Retaining walls don't have to be perfectly straight. Adding a curve can dress up a straight wall and add dimension. We can work with a multitude of materials to create your perfect retaining wall, and often use manufactured block or stone to make sure you have a consistent look with superior structural integrity.