

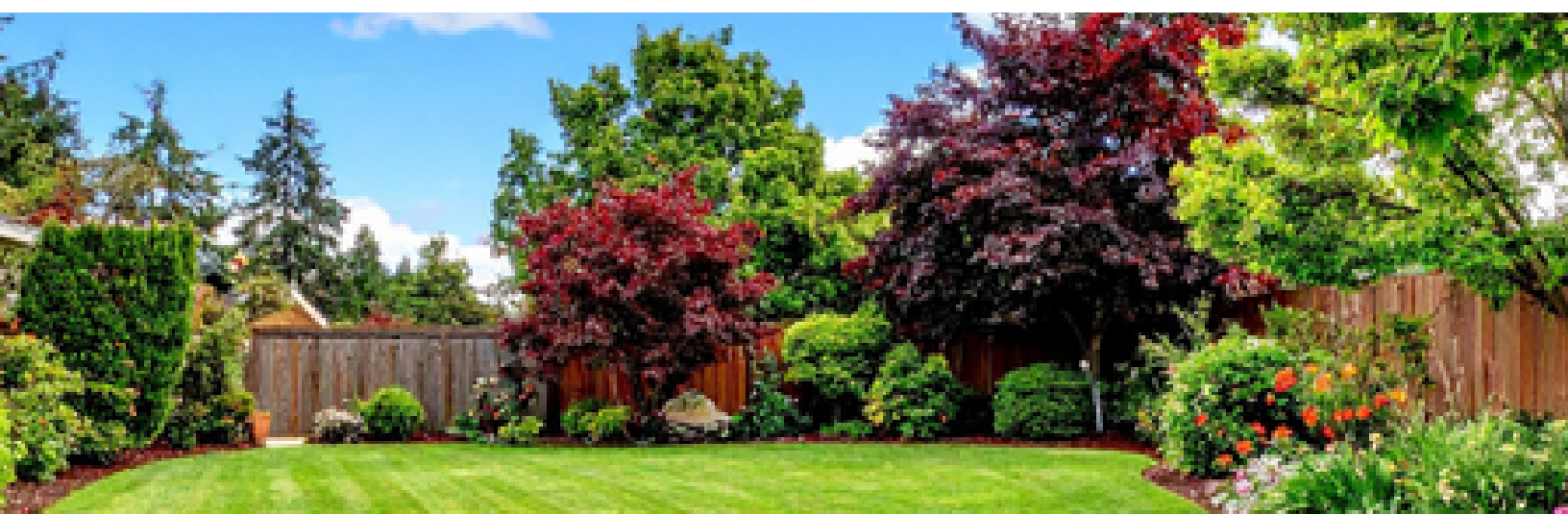


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BACKYARD RESCUE CHECKLIST

5 STRATEGIC SOFTSCAPE FIXES TO SAVE YOUR SUMMER

If a weekend DIY project turned into a massive multi-week commitment, or a contractor's shifting schedule left your yard stalled out mid-season, you don't have to live with the mess. This guide outlines how professional softscaping can step in to hide unfinished zones, eliminate blowing dust, and establish clean, manicured borders so you can actually use your yard for the rest of the year.



IMMEDIATE SCREENING & GROUND STABILIZATION

1 Install Mature, High-Impact Native Shrubs

Skip the wait of planting small starter shrubs that take years to grow. Bringing in mature, container-grown or ball-and-burlap native varieties allows you to create immediate physical height. Grouping them in staggered, heavy clusters blocks out unwanted views completely without the delays of building hardscape structures.

BEST USES Screening out exposed framing under new decks, covering piles of dirt or gravel, and masking messy grading lines along property borders.

TOP CHOICES Ninebark for quick color contrast, Arrowwood Viburnum for dense upright growth, and Red Osier Dogwood for handling uneven, wet soil conditions.

2 Stabilize Open Dirt Patches with Fresh Sod

Baking summer sun turns exposed topsoil into a fine powder that blows across your patio and tracks inside your home. Laying down fresh, professionally grown sod acts like a clean, immediate blanket over the ground, transforming an active construction eyesore into a usable lawn area in a single afternoon.

BEST USES High-traffic areas directly off your back steps, walkways, or main outdoor seating placements where dust and mud are major issues.

THE METHOD We cut away the mid-summer weed layer, apply a nutrient-dense compost base to speed up root integration, level the ground smoothly, and tightly install the turf.

DEFINING BOUNDARIES & ADDING POLISH

3 Cut Clean, Deep Spade-Edges

Blurry boundaries between weeds, grass, and bare soil make a yard look entirely neglected. Instead of using cheap plastic or metal edging that warps in the heat and pops out of the ground, professional crews cut a vertical, 4-inch-deep trench directly into the soil. This creates a distinct shadow line that frames the yard and gives it an immediate manicured look.

BEST USES Creating a sharp, clear division between unmanaged garden beds, dirt sections, and your main lawn area.

THE RESULTS Instantly establishes geometric structure across the property, tricking the eye into seeing a finished, professional layout.

4 Apply a 3-Inch Layer of Premium Hardwood Mulch

Once your borders are cleanly cut, covering inconsistent soil with a thick layer of double-shredded mulch locks down the ground. This delivers a rich, uniform texture that hides debris, helps newly planted rescue shrubs retain moisture in the heat, and blocks sunlight from reaching buried weed seeds so you can stop weeding.

BEST USES Masking mixed soil colors, rocky subsoil debris, and stubborn weed-prone zones across wide landscape beds.

MAINTENANCE Completely smothers out seasonal weed growth, saving you from spending your weekends maintaining messy areas.

5 Utilize Quick-Sprouting Microclover Blends

For expansive sections of the yard where you might not want to invest in full sod—especially areas slated for heavy excavation or stone construction next spring—quick-sprouting groundcovers are the perfect tool. A specialized microclover and quick-grass blend will sprout in just three to five days,blanketing bare spots in clean green.

BEST USES Large back-lot filler spaces, steep side hills, or future patio footprints that just need a temporary cover.

MAINTENANCE Handles unrefined summer soils exceptionally well and requires significantly less watering than standard grass seed.

Let Our Crews Handle the Heavy Lifting

You don't have to give up on your outdoor space or wait for next year. Softscaping focuses entirely on the finishing touches, meaning it requires no city permitting wait times and zero construction cure delays. We can bring in the materials and completely turn your yard around in just a couple of days.



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