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FEELING LIKE SPRING!!!

"Grow Your Own Food!"

Have you ever considered an *Organic Vegetable Garden* and *Grow Your Own Food* but didn't know how to start? Here are some tips...

1. **Pick a location** - Find a spot. Ideally a sunny area but if it's shaded part of the day, that's okay too!
2. **Start Small** - If this is your first try, start small. A 5'x6' or 30 SF will give you enough space to plant a good mix.
3. **Prep Area** - Get good organic compost to mix with your soil. They have a lot of beneficial life forms and helpful bacteria.
4. **Plant Selection** - Start with easy to grow plants like Pepper, Tomatoes or Herbs then expand or venture out to more unusual varieties.
5. **Watering** - Keep the soil damp but not soggy. Consider time saving drip irrigation on a simple hose bib timer or automatic irrigation.

"Permeable Pavers"

Permeable **I**nterlocking **C**oncrete **P**avers (PICP) are installed with different layers of varying-sized stones underneath as its foundation. The system allows filtration and direct water to underground aquifers. Permeability, Open Graded Bedding, Base and Subbase can reduce storm water runoff, erosion and pollutants by mimicing the way natural land absorbs water - A real ECO Friendly product.

Aside from its many benefits, there are now more styles, types and colors to choose from. The paver industry have done a wonderful job on creating a wide variety of products that will fit any project.



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Deer Resistant Plants

If deer is an issue in your garden, consider deer resistant shrubs or perennials such as Bleeding Heart, European Ginger, Corydalis, Hyssop, Lavander, Lilac, Winter Daphne, Viburnum, Bottlebrush Buckeye, Bluebeard, Butterfly Bush to name a few. Keep in mind that these plants are NOT considered Deer Proof but are rarely damaged by deer.

If you like to find out more about any of these articles please call us or send us an email at rallinfo@egralljrlandscape.com'



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