



## **Summerscaping: Create your dream garden with help from an accredited landscaper**

**Toronto, Ont. (June 4, 2010)** – Just because spring has passed and the summer heat is approaching doesn't mean you have to give up your dream of having a beautiful garden this year. During the summer months there are still a variety of quality plants available for use in your garden.

Summer gardening follows the same rules as spring: pay attention to the weather. It is important to get flowers that can sustain summer heat. When temperatures rise, you don't want to risk a flower because it receives too much sun or too little water. Summer-hardy plants you could choose include marigolds, petunias, impatiens and a full selection of trees, shrubs and evergreens. Summer is also the perfect time to install decks, patios, walkways or even an outdoor kitchen and dining area to meet your entertainment needs.

“Gardening is an all-season activity, and with every season there is something different that you can do with your garden,” said Denis Flanagan, public relations manager for Landscape Ontario. “If you're not sure about where to begin with your summerscaping plans, there are over 2,000 Landscape Ontario member companies specializing in garden centres to landscape construction, maintenance and design, whose knowledge and expertise can help create your summer garden,” continued Flanagan.

When making the decision to hire a landscaper, always hire accredited professionals that provide references! All Landscape Ontario member companies must meet basic requirements, such as:

- Companies must be full-time in the industry for at least three years
- They promise to abide by a published statement of Conduct, Principles and Ethics
- They must have appropriate insurance

By logging on to [www.landscapentario.com](http://www.landscapentario.com) you can locate member companies in your area, view member profiles containing detailed information and see photos from past work. You can also find tools that will help you know what to look for when hiring a landscape professional. All Landscape Ontario member companies are part of Green for Life, and by shopping at Green for Life garden centres or hiring Green for Life contractors you know you are doing business with the best.

Let your summerscaping begin!

## About Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association

Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association is one of the most vibrant associations of its kind, comprised of over 2,000 members, ten sector groups and nine local chapters. Its trade mission is to promote the horticulture industry in Ontario, and its public mission is to promote the joys and benefits of green spaces. For more information on the association and Green for Life, visit: [www.landscapeontario.com](http://www.landscapeontario.com).



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