

Landscape Maintenance Tips

Do you have weeds growing in your landscape rocks? Are you unsure how to install decorative landscape gravel, what soil conditioner to use or why you should place mulch in your flower beds? Staker Parson Companies Landscape Center answers commonly asked landscape maintenance questions about **installing decorative landscape gravel, removing weeds, soil conditioner and wood mulch.**

Q: How do I install decorative landscape gravel?

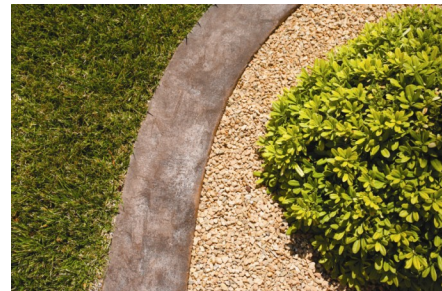


A: Installing decorative landscape gravel is an easy do-it-yourself project.

- Determine the area where you want to create a bed of decorative landscape gravel. Visit Staker Parson Companies' website to use their [landscape materials calculator](#).
- Prep soil to be weed and grass free
- Apply contractor grade weed barrier with more than adequate overlay on joints
- Apply rock two to three inches thick to desired design

Q: How do I get rid of weeds growing in my landscape rocks?

A: You can prevent weeds from growing in your landscape rocks by installing a contractor grade weed barrier before placing the landscape rocks. If you still get some weeds poking through the rocks, spray the weeds with a high grade weed killer such as Roundup, an herbicide made by Monsanto.



Q: What is the best soil conditioner to use?

A: Two excellent options for soil conditioners are Utelite Church Blend and Soil Pep. The Utelite Church Blend soil conditioner is a lightweight and nutrient rich soil conditioner used to break up tough clay soil and add essential nutrients to soil. It also improves drainage in soil so the roots of your plants get enough oxygen for healthy growth.

Soil Pep is ground up bark fines that adds nutrients and organic matter to the soil to increase its fertility and is recommended for flower beds, vegetable gardens, and decorative purposes.



Q: What is the benefit of placing wood mulch in a flower bed?

Using [wood mulch for landscaping](#) and flower beds not only adds consistent texture to your flower beds, it helps prevent weed growth and aids in moisture retention. Mulch should be placed 2 to 4 inches thick and may need to be replenished yearly.

You can easily maintain your landscape using the products offered at Staker Parson Companies Landscape Centers. Your flower beds will thank you for taking care of them by preventing weeds, installing gravel or mulch and applying soil conditioner to give your soil the essential nutrients it needs to create a healthy environment for plants to grow.



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