

# Down To Earth

## GARDEN CENTER

FALL IS  
PLANTING TIME

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New expanded  
hours!

## Paths and Patios - Natural Stone

### Services

#### Offered:

- Unique perennials & evergreens
- Indoor/Outdoor Antiques
- Gardening Supplies
- Gifts & Decorations
- Paver Walks and Drives
- Retaining Walls
- Natural Stone
- Water Features
- Landscape Lighting
- Snow Removal
- Lawn Care
- Fertilizing
- Do-it-yourself supplies
- Computer design

Limestone or flagstone are two of the most popular products for a natural path or patio. They are available in fewer colors but can provide a more natural look to your walkway or patio. The lure of natural stone is in the shapes of the stones; no two pieces are the same. Every shape is different, thus there are an endless number of patterns and designs. Natural stone does not have the strength of concrete pavers and is generally more porous in nature. Natural stone may also break more easily if not installed properly, and can be more susceptible to freezing and thawing problems. An edge is not always necessary when installing a natural stone walkway or patio, as opposed to a concrete paver. They also do not always require a compacted stone base, but they must always have a sand base. Natural stone will also typically have large gaps between each piece due to the unnatural shapes of each stone. In some cases, the gaps can be many inches wide and are filled with sand, pea gravel, mulch, or grass. Let one of our designers come up with a new and unique design to incorporate natural stone into your next landscape project!



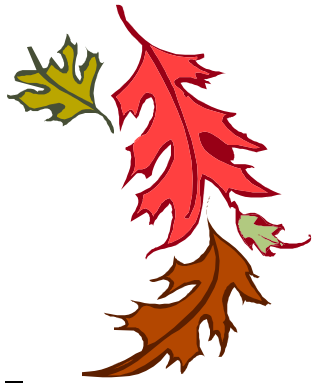
#### Hours:

Tues. - Fri. 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.  
Sat. - Sun. 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.  
Closed Mon., Open Sun. in May only.

# AUTUMN

Directions: Take Hwy 29 towards Cadott from Chippewa and take a right on exit 87 and then take the first left on XX, go two miles and take a left on O, Watch for the Yellow sign on the left one mile down O.





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## HELPFUL TIPS

We have Gift Certificates!

The best way to fertilize shrubs and roses is with slow-release granular plant food. Follow label directions about timing and amount. Always water before and after for maximum uptake.



Deadhead all perennials and annuals that don't shed spent flowers on their own. This simple chore persuades plants to direct their energy into producing more blooms.



Fall is a great time for planting, take advantage of this time to get a head start on next spring! Stop by to see our fresh looking plants!



Early fall is a great time to prune evergreen shrubs. Feel free to shape them up a little right now. Just make sure that you don't cut off too much foliage, this could cause winter burn.

### Secret of Your Success

Mulch is the key to a successful, tidy landscape. Protecting the soil between plants helps conserve moisture, control weeds and regulate soil temperatures. Organic mulches like wood chips and shreds also help fortify the soil as they slowly degrade. Several types of wood mulches are available, each offering its own look. Cypress mulch is long lasting and popular for its reddish color that slowly ages to a soft gray. Mulches made from cedar and hardwoods are also common. Look for a display at the garden center showing a sample of each type. Plan on a three-cubic foot bag of wood mulch covering about 18 square feet 2" deep. If you have a large area to cover, opt to have your mulch delivered in bulk by the truckload. This service is available through Down to Earth Garden Center everyday of the week, just call 715-289-4567!



### GOOD GRASS: ORNAMENTALS IN FALL AND WINTER

Ornamental grasses can add to your garden all season long, but they really come into their prime in August and September. Architectural clumps become overflowing mounds as the grasses take off and prepare to set flowers and attractive seed heads. We can grow some amazing grasses like Miscanthus, feather reed grass (*Calamagrostis*) and little bluestem (*Schizachyrium*) here in Western WI. Not only are these grasses prized for their beauty, you'll love the way they look and sound as the wind rushes past.