

# yard OF THE month

**8004 Falcon Court  
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**How long have you lived in this house?** 8 yrs.

**What you did to the yard?** We wanted our backyard to be a relaxing environment and a place for us to enjoy our panoramic view. It features a fire pit where the kids enjoy smores and has a very natural look, which we were able to achieve recycling some of the boulders unearthed from when our home was being built.

**Did you design it yourself?** No, but we had input as far as what we liked and did not like. The landscapers were very good at utilizing.

**What was your inspiration?** We just wanted it to look natural and not overly done.

**What company did you use?** The backyard was completed by Brandon Landscaping.

**If you could do it all over again, would you change anything?** We would not change a thing. We love it!! When our house was being built, the yard was initially done by a landscaper, and we weren't pleased with the results, so when we decided to redo our landscaping, we did not throw any plants away that we did not want. We actually sold them at our garage sale. It felt good to know that someone else would make good use out of the plants we did not want. We also utilized the boulders to make steps going down into the yard and into the fire pit. We are so pleased with the outcome.

**What advice would you give to those looking to spruce up their yard?** I would definitely hire someone that is knowledgeable and listens to what your wants and needs are for your space. Ask around to get recommendations. If you see someone's landscaping that you like, ask them who did it or drive around new developments. More than likely you will see someone's yard being landscaped, take note of who is doing the work, and go back and check out the final outcome.

Being an active participant in your landscaping and making sure you are getting what you like are also important. Visit nurseries and ask questions about what you see and like. If you like a plant in a neighbor's yard, just ask them what it is. Also, don't let someone talk you into something you know you don't like. I recall telling our first landscaper that I did not want to see a certain plant in our yard, and he used it anyway! It was very frustrating working with him. Bottom line is be active in the process and enjoy the task. As for plants, my motto is "less is best."

**Attention Treesdale Residents:** Are you envious of that great yard down the street? Maybe your friends and neighbors are envious of yours... Tell us about it! We are looking for nominations for Yard of the Month. You may just see your yard featured in an upcoming issue of *Treesdale Life*.

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