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HOA Landscaping and Snow Clearing



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**HOA LEADERSHIP
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By Board Leaders. For Board Leaders.



Landscaping That Works

A practical guide for HOA leaders - from smart maintenance and safety to eco-friendly upgrades and seasonal savings.

About Gonzo Bros Landscape

A family-owned company built on hard work, community, and a passion for beautiful outdoor spaces.

2015

In Business Since

50+

Summer Team Employees

70+

Winter Team Employees



Full-Service Landscaping Solutions



Landscaping Maintenance



Full-Service Irrigation



Landscape Renovation



Snow Removal

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RENOVATION

When Does a Landscape Refresh Make Sense?

Not every issue requires a full renovation. Knowing the signs helps you invest wisely and avoid unnecessary costs.

Chronic Drainage Problems

Recurring puddles or erosion signal grading issues

Overgrown or Dying Plants

Maintenance costs outpace the landscape's value

Outdated Design

Older plantings no longer suit the community's aesthetic

Hardscape Failure

Cracked walkways, failing retaining walls, or deteriorating edging

Excessive Weed Growth

Frequent weed maintenance signals a failing weed barrier

Worn Ground Cover

Thinning rock or faded mulch no longer protects planting beds





BEST PRACTICES

If You've Determined It's Time for a Restart... Have a Plan!

What are you looking to do?

- Add Color?
- Create space?
- Do you need natural privacy?
- Fix drainage issues?
- Minimize maintenance?
- What are your goals, what are your preferences?

RIGHT PLANT, RIGHT PLACE

Having a plan - Continued Choosing the Right Plantings for the Right Location



Full Growth Potential

Plants reach their intended size and form when placed in ideal conditions



Larger, More Prominent Blooms

Proper placement ensures plants bloom on schedule and at their best



Longer Lifespan

The right environment reduces stress, disease, and premature decline



Better Overall Aesthetic

Thriving plants create a cohesive, polished landscape that enhances curb appeal





After Your New Landscaping Is Installed... Efficient Irrigation Management for Plantings

- If new vegetation is properly watered, 10% of new plantings will still fail within the first year. 100 plants, 90 will survive.

Smart Irrigation Scheduling

Use weather-based or sensor-driven controllers to automatically adjust watering times and avoid overwatering or underwatering.

Drip & Targeted Delivery Systems

Drip irrigation delivers water directly to root zones, minimizing evaporation and runoff while keeping foliage dry and disease-free.

Routine System Inspections

Regularly inspect heads, emitters, and lines for leaks, clogs, or misalignment to ensure efficient and consistent water distribution.

Seasonal Adjustments

Adjust watering schedules and volumes seasonally to reflect changing plant needs, temperature, and rainfall patterns.

FAQ: "After we complete our project, how do we maintain it?"

Shrubs + Weeds

Regular Pruning & Trimming (Shrubs vs. Perennials/Ornamental Grasses)

Shapes plants, promotes healthy growth, and prevents overgrowth that can become a hazard. It is important to trim shrubs at the right times of the year. Shrubs, perennials, ornamental grasses.



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Preemergent Applications

Early Detection & Removal

Regular inspections allow for prompt hand-weeding of young plants before they establish, minimizing spread and root damage to desired shrubs.

Regular Contracted Check-ins

Combine manual removal with targeted, environmentally responsible herbicides and cultural practices to effectively control weeds without harming desirable vegetation.

Weed Barriers (proper landscape installation)

Regularly inspect and repair any tears or breaches in weed barrier fabric to prevent weeds from germinating through the material and causing damage.



RETAINING WALLS

Retaining Walls: Block Walls & Boulder Walls

Purpose & Function

1. Soil erosion
2. Drainage solutions and strategy
3. Create usable space
4. Of course, the aesthetic! They are beautiful

Boulder Walls

Natural boulders provide an organic, rugged look that blends seamlessly with naturalistic landscapes and requires minimal maintenance.

Block Walls

Manufactured concrete blocks offer clean lines, consistent sizing, and long-term durability, ideal for modern community aesthetics.

Proper Installation

A level base, proper drainage behind the wall, and correct block placement are critical to long-term performance and safety.

When to Renovate

Leaning, cracking, or shifting walls are signs of foundation failure and should be addressed promptly to prevent further damage.







ECO-FRIENDLY AMENITIES

Natural Grasses & Pollinator Beds

Manicured lawns function as food deserts for bees because they eliminate many of the flowering plants, nesting spaces, and shelter that insects need.

Adding pollinator-friendly plantings to common areas is a low-cost, high-impact upgrade that residents notice and appreciate.

You can have both! Native and natural areas that waterfall into more manicured areas.

Ornamental Grasses

Low maintenance, drought-tolerant, and visually striking year-round

Pollinator Beds

Native wildflowers attract bees and butterflies — supporting local ecosystems

Water Savings

Once established, these plantings require significantly less irrigation

BEST PRACTICES

Brush Cutting & Land Clearing

Overgrown Vegetation

Thick brush, tall grasses, and invasive species can overtake common areas and create safety hazards if left unmanaged

Land Clearing

Removing trees, stumps, and dense undergrowth to prepare land for new landscaping, construction, or usable green space

Brush Cutting

Regular mowing and cutting of overgrown areas keeps property boundaries clean and prevents encroachment

Invasive Species Removal

Identifying and eliminating invasive plants protects native vegetation and reduces long-term maintenance costs

Improved Usability

Cleared land opens up opportunities for new plantings, pathways, amenity spaces, or simply a cleaner community aesthetic



RIGHT PLANT, RIGHT PLACE

Plants That Thrive With Little to No Water

These proven low-water plants deliver beauty and durability — perfect for HOA communities looking to reduce maintenance and irrigation costs.



Evergreen Shrubs

- Mugo Pine
- Juniper ('Blue Arrow', 'Blue Star', 'Sea Green')
- Buffalo Juniper
- Potentilla
- Gro-Low Fragrant Sumac
- Russian Cypress



Deciduous Shrubs

- Ninebark ('Tiny Wine', 'Diablo', 'Little Devil')
- Bush Honeysuckle (Diervilla)
- Aromatic Sumac
- New Jersey Tea
- Leadplant
- Shrubby St. John's Wort



Perennials

- Purple Coneflower, Black-Eyed Susan
- Butterfly Weed, Blanket Flower
- Prairie Blazing Star, Yarrow
- Russian Sage, Catmint
- Sedum 'Autumn Joy', Prairie Smoke
- Coreopsis, Penstemon
- Baptisia, Agastache, Little Bluestem



Ornamental Grasses

- Little Bluestem
- Prairie Dropseed
- Blue Grama Grass
- Side-Oats Grama
- Switchgrass ('Northwind', 'Shenandoah')
- Feather Reed Grass ('Karl Foerster')



Groundcovers

- Creeping Thyme
- Creeping Phlox
- Bearberry
- Sedum (many varieties)
- Hens and Chicks (Sempervivum)
- Prairie Pussytoes

FALL SAVINGS

Don't Miss the Fall Window

Why Schedule After October 1st?

Landscaping demand drops after peak season — and so do prices. Fall is also an ideal planting time for many species.

- Lower Labor Rates
- Better Plant Survival
- Spring-Ready Results





We are happy to help!

Gonzo Bros Landscape partners with the HOA Leadership Network to serve as a resource and to help boards to deliver results that look impressive, function safely, and stay within budget — season after season.

Site Consultation

We'll walk your property with you.

Custom Proposals

Tailored to your community's needs, goals, and budget

Trusted Partnership

Experienced, insured, and committed to your community's success