

Foundations

Vision & Value

General Tips

Vision & Value: As the year draws to a close, December is the perfect time to reflect on the **resilience** of your landscape. All the preparation you invested in this year—from PHC to winterization—is protecting your property now. Looking forward, this month is the ideal window to cast a vision for the coming year. By starting your planning now for **2026 enhancement projects**, you secure the best design slots and get a critical head start on an incredible spring installation.

Ready to make your 2026 landscape vision a reality? **Contact us today to schedule your design consultation.**



We Are Process Driven

Our core value, "**We Are Process Driven**," is the foundation of every successful project. We believe structure and attention to detail are key to reliability. By relying on our structured yet flexible approach, we ensure your 2026 vision is executed flawlessly, from the initial design consultation to the final installation, guaranteeing success and providing confidence in your long-term investment.

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The Pursuit of Excellence

We are proud to announce that Cornerstone Partners has submitted entries for the prestigious **Excellence in Landscape Awards**. This submission reflects our core value, "**Good is the Enemy of Great**," and our commitment to outstanding artistry, craftsmanship, and sustainable practices. Winners will be contacted in January, but the real value is in the process—it guarantees our meticulous documentation and industry-leading standards. We look forward to sharing the results with you early next year!

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In our Customer Spotlights section, we're highlighting information and tips tailored to the unique needs of our diverse clientele, from HOAs and homeowners to commercial and municipal properties. Find the insights most relevant to your landscape and property goals below.



HOA Focus

The 2026 Enhancement Lock-In:

December is the ideal time for your HOA to **prioritize** the new year's installation schedule. By **finalizing design-build projects** now (like entrance renovations or hardscape amenities), you secure **priority placement** for the earliest spring installation slots. This strategy allows your community to enjoy new amenities sooner and avoid the longer lead times and price increases that typically begin in early spring.

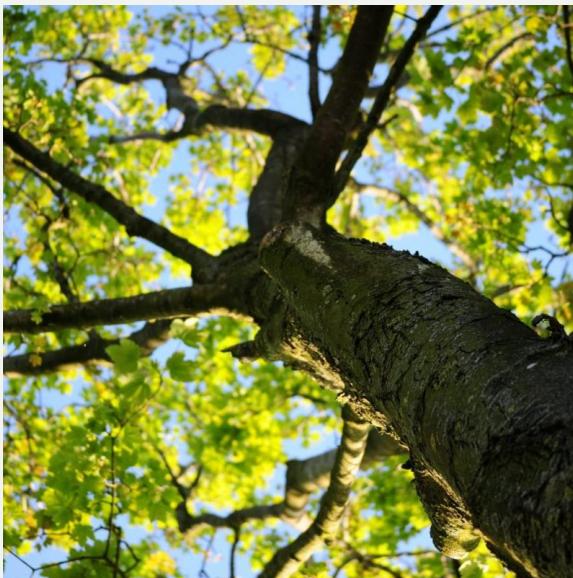
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Single-Family Spotlight

Winter Patio & Container Care: December is the time to embrace the beauty of a dormant landscape and keep your spirits bright. We offer high-value tips to maintain your festive curb appeal. Learn simple ways to keep your **winter planters and window boxes** looking fresh, how to safely utilize your **outdoor fire pit areas**, and how to protect and preserve your holiday decorations throughout the season. **Read the full guide here!**

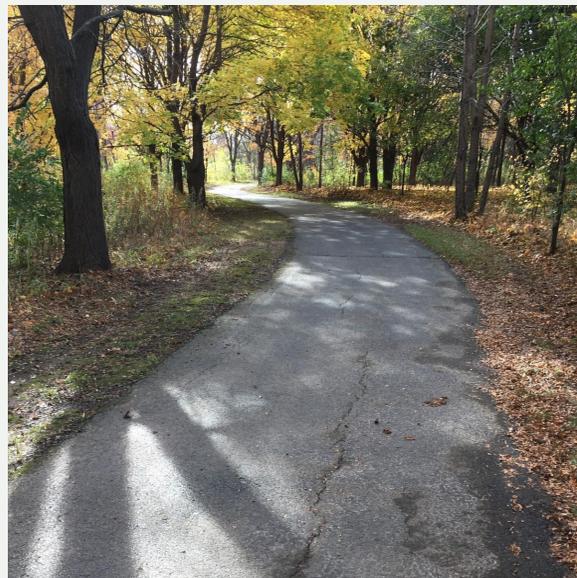
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Commercial Insights

December Financial Advantage: December is the prime month to finalize your 2026 financial strategy. We help managers **strategically invest** remaining funds in services such as **rejuvenative pruning or critical tree preservation**. By completing this proactive work now, you maximize your current budget, secure tax advantages, and mitigate long-term liability, ensuring your property is sustained in 2025 without dipping into the new year's budget.

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Municipal Matters

The Value of Public Trees: As winter begins, public trees are your most valuable long-term asset. We provide **arbor planning** to ensure the resilience and health of these key assets through the winter. This includes scheduling complex structural pruning and risk assessments now to prevent damage from heavy snow loads and salt runoff. Invest in the enduring value of your public trees by planning major work for 2026.

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About Us

Cornerstone Partners Horticultural Services Company (CPHort) was born out of a deep-rooted love for quality horticultural practices. We are fanatical about crafting and maintaining outstanding outdoor environments. CPHort began in the Fox River Valley in 2006, and it's been thanks to satisfied customer referrals that we've been able to expand throughout Chicagoland.

Feedback & Suggestions

We'd love to hear from you! Share your feedback, suggestions, or ideas by contacting our team.

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