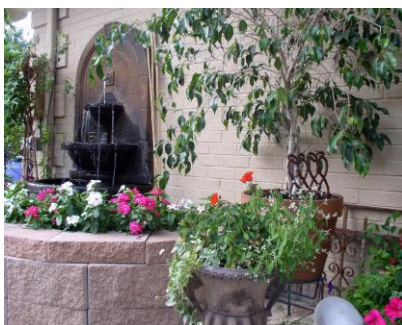


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## Tip of the Week



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### Be strategic when you gear up for spring

With the Colorado Garden & Home Show and similar events going on around the state, our thoughts start to turn to the growing season.

There's a whole new season of possibilities ranging from what to plant and where, to adding a new patio or pergola. As you plan your 2010 landscape agenda, sort out what you might want to do yourself and when you need to get professional advice or help.

#### It's best to call a pro when:

##### **You don't know the answer to specific questions.**

Check in with a professional when you have questions like:

*How can I deal with . . . ?*

*Where should I plant . . . ?*

*What's wrong with . . . ?*

*How can I solve . . . ?*

**When it's not safe or you don't have the tools to do the work yourself.** Get help when the work involves things like climbing in a tree; lifting or moving heavy landscape materials like sod and rock; operating machinery like trenching equipment or front-end loaders; or digging holes for plants. Did you know it's the law to call for an

underground utility locate before doing any digging whatsoever?

**When you just don't have the time or expertise that's needed.** Are there always more things to do than you have time for? Would landscape work take you away from playing the sports you love or being out with the kids? Would you really be efficient doing all this work yourself?

Landscape professionals know how to work effectively and use the right equipment for the job. Plus, they have the education and practical know-how to get the project done efficiently.

If you're like most people and have more things to do than time to do them, then calling in a pro might save you both time and money in the long run.

To find landscape help, go to [www.alcc.com](http://www.alcc.com) and click on ***Find a Pro!***

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