

# THE GREEN SHEET



Sustainable Landscape Management in Southeastern Wisconsin | Spring 2018

## Meet The Team

**We're Growing!** Meet the newest members of our team. With the addition of these talented people we will be able to develop our new and existing departments to best meet your landscaping needs.



**Jason Patzfahl** joins The Green Team of Wisconsin as the Natural Lawn Care Sales Manager. With 10 years of experience as a lawn technician and a passion for sustainability, Jason is ready to lead our natural lawn care division to new heights.

Jason has a natural rapport with people from all walks of life. His minor in English, background in writing and experience in public speaking provide a great foundation for his communication skills.

Jason is committed to sustainability as he and his family maintain an urban garden, compost bin, rain barrels and a worm farm. We are grateful and excited to have him join our Green Team family!



**Jodi Schmeling** joins The Green Team of Wisconsin as Operations Coordinator. With 12 years of experience in the field of horticulture and 5 years in customer service, Jodi will guide office operations and provide administrative support.

Jodi and her family share in the sustainability mission of The Green Team with an urban garden, solar array and rain-water harvesting system. Jodi also maintains a blog at [TheNutritionalGardener.com](http://TheNutritionalGardener.com) with advice and support for urban gardeners.

The Green Team is excited to add Jodi to the team, and she will be happily corresponding with customers daily.

**Annual Flower Design:  
Upgrade your landscape with color!**  
**Seasonal Containers | Annual Bed Installations**  
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## News

### The Green Team Adds New Services

**1. Raised Beds** In preparation for the edible gardening season, The Green Team will construct raised garden beds made from locally harvested ash wood. The beds are 2 level, measure 4 ft. x 8 ft. and feature a seating bench. Call or email for more information or to reserve your bed today. Installation will take place during spring in preparation for the edible gardening season. Delivery with planting soil is an available option.



Craftsman Ash Raised Bed

**2. Moving and Hauling** The Green Team has added a new winter service to our line of offerings. We offer junk hauling, light moving, logistics and other related projects utilizing our fleet of trucks and crew during the months of December through April 15. Start planning your project now so we can help you with it in the winter. Utilize a team you already know and trust.



The Green Team fleet is ready

**3. Basement/Attic Cleanouts** The Green Team can assist you in the winter months with room cleanouts. Consider using us to move items to storage so you can finally renovate that basement or attic space. Available from December through April 15.

**4. Suggest a Service Need** Have a project that you need a crew and truck to complete? Call us, we are open to ideas for winter work.

### Sustainability Mission:

With the value we place on sustainability, we would love to have all clients avoid chemical applications and our primary focus is to serve customers who share that value. However, we also work with customers who wish to use limited, selected chemicals. We can discuss what options are best for your needs, with clarity about the methods and strategies we employ.

## Think Spring!

### Planning an Edible Garden

One way you can become more sustainable at home is to install and grow an edible garden. The Green Team can help you with planning, installing and even caring for your garden. Couple it with one of our custom made raised garden beds and organic planting soil and you will be all set.

If you want to take a stab on your own, however, here



**Kale, collards, nasturtium and blueberry shrubs**

are some pointers to get you started.

**Pick a location that receives sun.** Most vegetables need at least 6 hours of full sun daily to produce. There are some that can tolerate partial shade, such as leafy greens, some herbs and lettuce.

**Consider easy access to care and harvest.** Put your edibles in locations that have easy access to water, and that are easy for you to access them. Think about paths to walk around your edibles, weed and prune around them and harvest easily.

**Prepare the soil.** You will want to make sure your soil is loose and airy, but can hold moisture as well. Make sure the site is neither an area where water will pool or runoff. Add compost to your existing soil and work it into the ground a few inches. If using pots, always use new potting soil and never fill pots with garden soil.

### Plant vegetables you and your family love to eat.

The hardest thing to learn when planting a garden is self-control.

The urge to plant every vegetable under the sun is strong. I urge you to start small and grow what you enjoy eating.



In addition, grow what you

### Spring vegetables in a raised bed

have space to handle. Adhere to the spacing recommendations on the seed packet; more is not always better. Vegetables need air flow, nutrients, sun and water to thrive.

**Incorporate vegetables in beds.** Don't be afraid to plant vegetables directly into open spaces in your flower beds. Vegetables and flowers love to exist together, and you will get excellent pollination. Utilize containers, pots and trellises to expand your growing area. And remember, have fun!



**Jodi Schmeling**  
Operations Coordinator  
The Green Team of WI, Inc.

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For information about our services

## Spotlight on Spring and Summer Services

**Did you know The Green Team of WI offers specialty spring and summer care?**

- Seasonal Colorscaping
- Spring Cleanup
- Lawn Aeration
- Raised Beds
- Mulch Installation
- Natural Lawn Care
- Edible Plantings
- Design
- Installation