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The good old days

The good old days of the 60's and 70's for those old enough to remember, consisted of the moon landing, Woodstock, the Tigers of '68, and listening to Motown on CKLW. Everyone refers to those days as the good old days. A much simpler time. No cell phones, computers, 7-11 Big Gulps, disposable diapers, and gas was 40¢ a gallon.

However, in the 60's and 70's in the landscaping world, we seemed to be in the stone age as compared to today. Shade trees were



mostly silver maple and locust, which seemed to be a mainstay. Shrubs of the era consisted of yews, 'Hetz' juniper, 'Red Prince' weigela, potentilla, lilac, golden vicary, red barberry, and of course everyone's favorite - yucca.

Groundcover choices were woodchips, redwood bark, white marble stone, and red, black, or russett lava rock with plastic underlayment. Not too many using that now.

Retaining walls were natural stone (still a good choice), broken concrete, or lest we forget - railroad ties. Too many to count, I'm sure. Now what do you do with those rotten old railroad ties?

Fortunately the choices of today in

the landscaping industry have grown tremendously. New varieties in trees, shrubs, roses and perennials are available and arrive daily here at Christensen's Plant Center to help the green industry contractors serve their customers' wants and needs.

In lieu of the old railroad ties Christensen's offers product names such as Rosetta and Unilock to serve as paving and retaining walls. In addition we have different types of mulches to finish off your projects. Stop by today to see the great products we have to offer.



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