PROBLEM Solver » SENIOR HORTICLUTURE SPECIALIST BRUCE HELLERICK TACKLES COMMON PROBLEMS



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Problem The client is unhappy with the appearance of this area under the shade trees in the parking lot. What is the problem? What would you recommend?

The cause The ugly junipers growing under the shade trees are failing to thrive because junipers require full sun growing conditions. The junipers are also being damaged from applications of snow melting products and snow removal operations.

Every day you see horticultural problems. Sometimes the solution is obvious, but others are much more difficult to solve. Brickman Group Senior Horticulture Specialist H. Bruce Hellerick tackles these issues each month in Problem Solver. He can be reached at *Hellerick@BrickmanGroup.com*





Solutions

1. Quick fix, remove the ugly. Remove the junipers and redress the mulch and you are done.

2. Remove the junipers. Properly prepare the soil and install turf via seed or sod. (See photo below)

 Remove the junipers. Install a ground cover that will grow in semi-shade conditions and with no irrigation such as Liriope, English Ivy or Euonymus coloratus. There are many other plant materials to consider.

AFTER