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TIPS & IDEAS TO INSPIRE THE GARDEN OF YOUR DREAMS

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Life is too short not to make it more beautiful.

At Greenhouse Garden Center our company slogan is "Gardeners Helping Gardeners Succeed". Our purpose is to add beauty into the lives of our customers and community. Whether it is through our unique product selection, awe inspiring displays or our knowledge of how to bring spectacular beauty into any home or garden, our mission is clear: life is too short not to make it a little more beautiful!

We are Proud

In April of 1974, Bob and Pat Ruf, with their two sons, opened Greenhouse Garden Center (way out of town), and when they retired in 1993, their son, David, took over. This year, we are proud to celebrate 52 years of being a family-owned garden center and 30 years as a member of Master Nursery®, a nationwide 600-member-owned coop of independent retail garden centers.



Julie & David

David took over from his father in 1993, and Julie joined him 16 years later.

As Northern Nevada's premier garden center, we offer everything you need to create a beautiful landscape, along with expert advice on how to maintain it with handouts available in the store or on our website. Come to Greenhouse Garden Center and talk to any of our friendly, knowledgeable staff, stroll through our arboretum of over 200 trees, and check out our diverse plant palette. Whether you have HOT sun or heavy shade, a new home or maybe one that would like to be updated and re-energized, we're sure you will find something you can't go home without!

As a member of Master Nursery®, we carry their proprietary line of organic Bumper Crop® soils and amendments, which features Paydirt and BC Black as well as other potting soils, soil amendments and a full line of organic fertilizers.

Our environmentally diverse plant palette is evident throughout our 5-acre nursery. We stock Pines from Compact Austrian to Vanderwolf; Spruce from Baby Blue Eyes to RH Montgomery; Ornamental Trees from Flowering Cherries to Tulip Trees; Shade trees from Aspen to Zelkova; and Fruit Trees from Apples to Pineapple Quince. Many are available in small sizes; however, we do maintain an extensive selection of larger boxed shade and ornamental trees as well as conifers for those who don't 'want to watch it grow.'

Our plant suppliers like Monrovia®, Bailey® Nurseries, Iseli Nursery® and Proven Winners® introduce new plants every year. Many are improvements on older varieties – giving us better blooming and improved disease resistance.

We carry a full line of sun and shade shrubs (Barberry to Weigela) and perennials (Astilbe to Vinca). Ornamental Grasses, Berries, Vines, Rhododendrons and Japanese Maples round out our many plant selections.

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Brian & Nancy

Of Nancy's 31 years at Greenhouse, 20+ have been as Green Goods Buyer. She handed the reins to Brian 2 years ago. He comes from Maryland with extensive horticultural knowledge.

Flowering Cherry





Over 100 different varieties of roses: Floribundas, Grandifloras, Hybrid Teas and Climbers arrive for Mother’s Day! These are available from May until they sell out. Throughout the year, we carry Landscape shrub roses from the First Editions® Easy Elegance® collection and Flower Carpet®, to Nitty Gritty® and Grace N’ Grit™ collections offered by Monrovia®.



Elona
For 26 years at Greenhouse, she’s been our Sales Staff Supervisor and Rose Buyer.

Many of our native and drought resistant plant selections can be found at our Hard Luck Café area: Manzanitas, Mountain Mahogany, Yuccas, Chaste Trees, Siberian Pea and Sumac.

All kinds of magic happens under our Blue & White canopy. January through March, you will find us unpacking all kinds of colorful pots, birdbaths, fabulous fountains and statuary. April, we are getting ready for color as we begin stocking hundreds of Annuals and Perennials in 6pks, 4”, mud flats and color bowls. May – July, we add a plethora of tomatoes and veggies!

Near Thanksgiving, our truckload of cut Christmas trees take center stage: Noble and Nordmann Firs from Washington state. We keep them fresh by standing them in water.

As the nursery outside changes, so does the inside of the store at Greenhouse. Seeds are always available; new houseplants start arriving in February; Spring bulbs arrive for sale in March. Then, in September, as fall bulbs are put out, the Gift Shop begins the annual transition to our Christmas shop, which moves into the main store, and by November, all of our 30+ trees are lit and decorated.



Chris & Eric
As the Yard Manager, Chris keeps our plants healthy. He came to Greenhouse from a grower in California 3 years ago. Eric is a friendly guy and a valuable asset as part of our planting crew for 13 years.



David
David is passionate about plants. He is our plant encyclopedia!

Staff knowledge is a priority. Training starts in March for all returnees and new hires as well. Eventually, all of us are Master Nursery® certified and have attended the Green Industry Continuing Education Series at the University of Nevada, Reno Extension to become Nursery Worker Certified. The workshops include current, research-based information on topics important to green-industry professionals.

Every year, we invite our vendors to participate in our Vendor Day, held in June, to bring samples and offer advice about plants, soils, fertilizers, pests, and diseases. And they love giving away their wares!



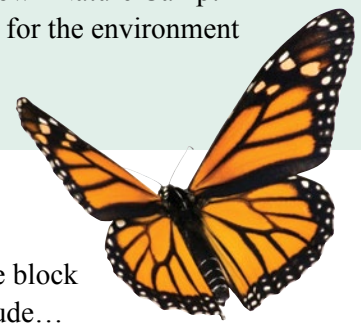
COME AND SEE US AT GREENHOUSE GARDEN CENTER AND BE *amazed!*



Kids & Nature

UNCOVERING SURPRISES EVERYWHERE

Wherever you live, nature is always near, with entire worlds to discover around the trees in your yard, in the carpet of grass or beneath that pile of rocks. With school vacations rapidly approaching, you may already be thinking of ways to keep your children or grandchildren busy during the long summer months. Well, how about setting up your own Nature Camp! An appreciation of nature will stay with children forever and teach them the importance of caring for the environment and all living things, including themselves.



TOP NATURE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

Spring and summer nature activities with your child could be as simple as a daily walk around the block or backyard, or as complex as starting your own backyard wildlife preserve. Popular options include...

- A stroll through the woods or a nearby meadow, observing or gathering things of interest along the way. Spend some time watching ants or earthworms, caterpillars or butterflies. Take an evening walk to look for lizards and bats or to listen to crickets and frogs. Note different species of birds, or look for other wildlife such as squirrels, rabbits or deer.
- Very young children love collecting things – rocks, feathers, flowers, shells and leaves are a few easy examples. See how many different types, colors, shapes or sizes they can find. Older children might want to start a pressed leaf or flower collection, or capture some insects for identification and observation.
- Raising butterflies or moths from caterpillars, noting how they grow and change in a nature journal or through a series of photographs to create a scrapbook of the experience. When they're ready to be released, let the child have the wonder of connecting with nature as their fluttering friends fly free.
- A more extensive nature activity could be to help your child plan and plant a whole garden devoted to attracting wildlife. By planting trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals that attract birds (including hummingbirds) and butterflies, and by installing bird feeders, bird houses and bird baths, you can create a miniature wildlife refuge that you and your child can enjoy for many years to come.



We'll be delighted to help you and your future naturalist select plants suitable for a wildlife garden, plan a backyard refuge, or identify flowers or leaves that have been collected on your nature walks.

So, what are you waiting for? Make the most of this spring with a child and go back to nature!



The sweet fragrance of lilacs is one of the most beloved in the garden, reminding us of springtime and childhood memories. Hardy, easy to grow, and long-lived, these deciduous shrubs are a timeless classic. From the large common lilac to modern dwarf and reblooming varieties, any lilac will be a welcome addition to the landscape.

FRENCH HYBRIDS

The best-known lilacs, *Syringa vulgaris* (common lilac), with hundreds of cultivars, were developed in France around 1870, hence the term “French hybrid”. They are a classic tradition within the landscape, accompanying other plants and serving many purposes, whether screening as a hedge, providing shade for a patio, or as an accent of color and fragrance. Growing 12-15 ft., they come in white, pink, purple, blue, maroon, and sometimes even yellow colors.

CANADIAN HYBRIDS

The Preston Lilacs (*Syringa x prestoniae*) are a result of crosses and offer the gardener leaves, flowers and fragrance that are different than *Syringa vulgaris*. They are extremely hardy, bloom slightly later, and flower on the current season’s growth rather than last season’s wood. Blooming 1-2 weeks later than common lilacs, they grow 10-12 ft. Pink is the most common.

JAPANESE TREE LILAC (SYRINGA RETICULATA)

Tree lilacs have attractive bark that is reminiscent of cherry bark. They have ivory blossoms that have a sweet smell. Possibly the most trouble-free lilac, they are an excellent specimen tree, street tree, and are good in groups or near large buildings. White blooms and fragrance come about a month after the French finish. A very hardy blooming tree to 20-25 ft. tall.

REBLOOMING LILACS

Reblooming lilacs are compact, fragrant shrubs. Bloomerang® (*Syringa x*), typically 3-6 ft. tall, bloom in late spring, pause, and then repeat their bloom from mid-summer until the first frost. Pruning should only be done immediately after the first spring bloom to encourage a stronger second bloom. Dark purple and pink are available.

PERSIAN LILACS

(*Syringa x persica*) Persian lilac is a fragrant shrub, known for its pale lilac flowers in spring that are more open and airy, and growing 6-8 ft. in size.



PRUNING & FERTILIZATION

Prune lilacs annually just after flowering in the spring. Avoid pruning later in the season because next year’s flowers are formed on the plant this year. To encourage vigorous growth, enhance flowering, and maintain shape, remove dead, damaged, diseased, thin, and unproductive branches and suckers. Extremely overgrown shrubs can be rejuvenated by severely cutting a couple of the largest stems back within a foot from the ground every 2-3 years.

For an early-spring feeding, fertilize with any bud-and-bloom formula to encourage blooms. Fertilize again after blooming with any general fertilizer.

PESTS & DISEASE

Lilacs’ pests include root weevils. Weevils cause damage to foliage by eating notches in the leaf margins. They emerge from the soil and are active at night. Apply **Eight® Soil Insect Control** in early May as a systemic. Lilacs are also subject to powdery mildew and leaf spot. Spray with any fungicide.

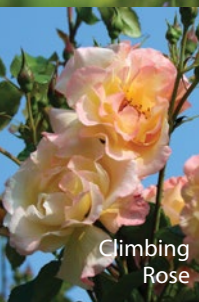


Perennial Vines

Vines are valuable and versatile plants that provide a remarkable vertical display while using minimal ground space. Offering an extensive mixture of decorative foliage, flowers, fruits and fragrance, vines are generally fast-growing, relatively pest-free and require minimal maintenance.



Wisteria



Climbing Rose



Akebia



Clematis

WHY CHOOSE VINES?

There are numerous uses for vines in the landscape. They can visually soften fences, walls and trellises or dress-up a lamp or mailbox post. They will provide summer shade when grown over an arbor, gazebo frame or pergola. Vines may be used to provide privacy by screening a patio or porch and can define any outdoor living space when used to create living outdoor walls or green barriers. **Three things should be considered when selecting a vine for your garden:**

INTENDED USE

If you want a thick barrier or screening look, opt for vines that will provide dense foliage, but if you prefer a more delicate vine, choose plants with more space in their foliage. Check flowering options, growth speed and how much training the vine will need to reach its full potential. At the same time, consider how the foliage is shed in autumn and how much care the vine may need to stay in good condition.

PLANTING LOCATION

Like any plant in your landscaping, vines will have specific needs for sunlight, soil condition and watering. Also consider the size of the space where your vine will live to be sure it won't crowd out nearby plants or be stunted in a too-small space. Condition the soil appropriately to nourish your vine, and adjust a drip system or sprinklers to provide adequate water as needed.

VINE SUPPORT

Vines need adequate support to stay upright and sturdy. Because vines climb in several different ways, support is critical. Wires, spirals, trellises, fences or arbors should support vines that use tendrils or a twining stem. Other vines attach themselves with aerial rootlets. These vines grow best on brick or stone walls. Some vines have no natural method to attach to a vertical structure and will just sprawl if not manually assisted with garden wire or string to an appropriate support.

You will want your vine to thrive for many years to come, therefore you must select the right vine for your chosen location. Use this chart to learn about some of the more common, landscape-friendly vines you can welcome into your yard.

COMMON NAME	BOTANICAL NAME	VINE TYPE	CULTURE	ATTRIBUTES
American Wisteria	Wisteria frutescens	Twining	Sun	Blue/purple hanging flowers, non-invasive
Boston Ivy	Parthenocissus tricuspidata	Twining	Part Shade/Shade	Fall color
Chinese Wisteria	Wisteria sinensis	Twining	Sun	Clusters of pink to purple hanging flowers
Chocolate Vine	Akebia quinata	Twining	Part Shade/Sun	First to Bloom
Clematis	Clematis hybrids	Twining	Sun, Cool Roots	Impressive colorful flowers 3-6 "
Climbing Hydrangea	Hydrangea anomala petiolaris	Aerial Roots	Part Shade	Winter peeling bark, large flat-top flower clusters
Climbing Rose	Rosa species	Sprawler	Full Sun	Colorful flowers, many fragrant
Goldflame Honeysuckle	Lonicera x heckrottii	Twining	Sun/Part Shade	Fragrant
Japanese Honeysuckle	Lonicera japonica	Twining	Sun/Part Shade	Fragrant, often semi-evergreen
Kintzley's Honeysuckle	Lonicera reticulata	Twining	Sun/Part Shade	Interesting foliage, native
Silver Lace Vine	Polygonum aubertii	Tendrils	Sun/Part Shade	Fragrant, creamy white blooms all summer
Sweet Autumn Clematis	Clematis terniflora	Twining	Sun, Cool Roots	Billowy masses of fragrant flowers in summer
Trumpet Honeysuckle	Lonicera sempervirens	Twining	Sun/Part Shade	Coral trumpets, hummingbird attractor
Trumpet Vine	Campsis radicans	Aerial Roots w/pads	Sun to Shade	Trumpets of red/orange, hummingbirds love
Virginia Creeper	Parthenocissus quinquefolia	Twining	Sun	Fall color, tough plant, re-seeds in landscape



SQUARE FOOT

Gardening

Square foot gardening is a highly efficient method that maximizes space, minimizes waste, and simplifies the gardening process. Mel Bartholomew popularized it in his book "Square Foot Gardening," which was first published in 1981. Since then, it has gained widespread acclaim for its simplicity and productivity. Still widely used and as popular as ever, allow us to give you some insight into this resourceful and fun form of gardening.

THE WHAT AND WHY OF SQUARE FOOT GARDENING

Square foot gardening is a method of intensive gardening that utilizes space by dividing a garden bed into small, manageable squares. Each square foot section is carefully planned and planted with specific crops, allowing for efficient use of space and resources. This technique emphasizes close spacing, weed control, and soil conservation, making it an ideal option for urban spaces or anyone looking to grow a lot in a limited area. Here are some of the many benefits of square foot gardening.



SPACE EFFICIENCY

Traditional row gardening can be space-intensive and inefficient. Square foot gardening optimizes space by growing plants in a grid layout, allowing you to grow more in less space.

WEED & PEST CONTROL

With square foot gardening, the close spacing between plants helps to naturally suppress weeds by shading the soil and minimizing open space where weeds can take root. Additionally, it's easier to spot and manage pests in a small, densely planted area.

WATER CONSERVATION

By concentrating plants in small, defined areas, square foot gardening reduces water waste by minimizing runoff and evaporation. This makes it an environmentally friendly option, especially in drought-prone areas.

ACCESSIBILITY

Raised square foot garden beds are typically elevated off the ground, making them more accessible for individuals with mobility issues and reducing the need for bending and kneeling.

SIMPLICITY & MANAGEABILITY

Square foot gardening is easy to learn and requires minimal upkeep. Its structured layout makes for efficient use of time and resources.



Tom

Tom's been our Veggie Guru for 16 years, and when the season is done, he helps keep the plants watered.

STEPS TO START & GROW A THRIVING SQUARE FOOT GARDEN

The first and most important consideration when beginning a square foot garden is its size. It should be manageable and easily accessible from all sides. A width of around 4 feet is often recommended to ensure you can reach the garden's center without stepping on the soil or plants. The overall size of your square foot garden can vary based on factors such as space availability, personal preference, and maintenance considerations. Start with a size that fits your needs and gardening goals, and don't hesitate to adjust or expand your garden as you gain experience and discover what works best for you.

After considering the size, the following list will help you establish your first-ever square foot garden.

PREPARE

Build or purchase a raised garden bed. Fill it with a high-quality soil mix containing equal parts of compost, peat moss, and vermiculite or perlite, or our **Master Nursery® Bumper Crop® Organic Raised Bed Mix** specifically designed for our region and is teeming with natural and organic material.

DIVIDE

Using a grid system, divide the surface of your garden bed into square foot sections. You can mark these sections using string, wooden slats, or other suitable material.

PLAN

Keep plants with similar growing requirements together to simplify watering and maintenance. For example, place all lettuce squares together, all herb squares together, etc. Vertical space is exploitable growing space. Utilize trellises, cages, or stakes for vining crops like tomatoes, cucumbers, or pole beans to maximize vertical growing space. Plan for succession planting by staggering plantings of quick-maturing crops throughout the growing season. This ensures a continuous harvest and maximizes garden productivity.

PLANT

Each square foot section can accommodate a certain number of plants, depending on their size. Consult an online square foot planting guide to determine the appropriate spacing for each type of vegetable or herb. For example, a single tomato plant may occupy one square foot, while several smaller plants like lettuce or carrots can be planted more densely. Don't forget to tag your plants. Use labels and plant markers to identify each square foot section and keep track of what you've planted.

MAINTAIN

Regular maintenance tasks include watering, weeding, and fertilizing as needed. Since square foot gardens are typically smaller, these tasks are more manageable and require less time and effort than traditional gardens.



Also worthy of consideration:

CROP ROTATION

Rotate crops within your square foot garden yearly to prevent soil nutrient depletion and minimize pest and disease problems. This involves planting different types of crops in each square foot section to maintain soil health and balance.

SEASON EXTENSION

Consider using techniques such as row covers, cold frames, or hoop houses to extend the growing season and protect your crops from frost. This will allow you to enjoy fresh produce for a longer period.

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BEGINNER'S GROWING GUIDE: EASY PLANTS FOR THE SQUARE FOOT GARDEN

For beginners starting with square foot gardening, it's best to begin with easy-to-grow and versatile vegetables and herbs. Here's a list of beginner-friendly plants and a simple layout to get started:

Lettuce

Varieties like leaf lettuce or butterhead lettuce are quick-growing and can be harvested multiple times throughout the season. Plant 4 plants per square foot, spacing them about 6 inches apart in a grid pattern.

Spinach

This nutrient-rich green is cold-hardy and can be harvested multiple times as baby greens or allowed to mature. Plant 9 spinach plants per square foot, spacing them about 4 inches apart in a grid pattern.

Radishes

Fast-growing and low-maintenance, radishes are perfect for beginners and add a peppery crunch to salads and snacks. Sow radish seeds thinly across the square foot section, allowing about 16 plants per square foot.

Carrots

Choose smaller varieties; these are best for compact spaces. Carrots thrive in loose, well-drained soil. Sow carrot seeds thinly across the square foot section, aiming for about 16 plants per square foot. Thin out seedlings to ensure proper spacing as they grow.

Cherry Tomatoes

Compact varieties are well-suited for small spaces. Plant 1 cherry tomato plant per square foot. Support the plant as it grows using a cage or trellis.

Green Beans

Bush varieties of green beans are easy to grow and produce abundant yields. Pole beans are grown vertically to save space. Plant 9 bush bean plants per square foot, spacing them about 4 inches apart in a grid pattern. Plant 4 pole bean plants per square foot. Provide a trellis or support structure for the beans to climb as they grow. Space the plants evenly within the square foot section, allowing them enough room to spread out and climb the support structure without overcrowding.

Herbs

Basil, parsley, cilantro, and chives are among the easiest herbs to grow and are versatile in the kitchen. Plant 4 herb plants per square foot, ensuring they have enough space to grow and flourish.



Square foot gardening offers a practical and efficient way to grow a variety of vegetables and herbs in a limited space. As you gain confidence and experience with this gardening method, you can experiment with a wider variety of crops to suit your taste and perhaps even expand your growing space. These principles will assist you in creating a thriving garden that provides bountiful harvests year after year.

NOT 'ZERO' SCAPING...

Xeriscaping

Xeriscaping is a landscaping and gardening method designed to drastically reduce or eliminate the need for supplemental water from irrigation. Derived from the Greek word "xeros," meaning dry, xeriscaping emphasizes the use of drought-resistant plants and efficient water-use techniques. This method of landscaping is particularly popular in arid regions but can be applied anywhere to conserve water and create sustainable landscapes. *Xeriscaping has numerous benefits.*

WATER CONSERVATION

Primary Benefit: The most significant advantage of xeriscaping is its potential for substantial water savings. Traditional lawns and gardens often require large amounts of water, whereas xeriscaped landscapes are designed to thrive with minimal irrigation. This is particularly beneficial in areas prone to drought or with limited water resources. Drought and dry spells are increasing in many areas affected by climate change.

Environmental Impact: Reducing water usage helps conserve local water supplies and decreases the strain on municipal water systems, making xeriscaping an eco-friendly choice.

REDUCED MAINTENANCE

Less Time-Consuming: Xeriscaping typically involves planting drought-tolerant and native plants, which require less frequent watering, mowing, and fertilizing compared to traditional lawns. This results in less maintenance and more free time for homeowners.

Lower Costs: With reduced need for watering, mowing, and chemical treatments, xeriscaping can lead to lower long-term maintenance costs. This includes savings on water bills and landscaping services.

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Biodiversity: Xeriscaping often incorporates native plants, which can support local wildlife, including pollinators such as bees and butterflies. This promotes biodiversity and creates a more balanced ecosystem.

Soil Health: By reducing the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, xeriscaping can improve soil health over time, leading to more resilient plant growth and a healthier environment.

AESTHETIC APPEAL

Unique Designs: Xeriscaped gardens can be visually stunning, featuring a variety of textures, colors, and plant forms. The use of rocks, mulch, and other non-plant elements can create interesting and attractive landscapes that stand out from traditional lawns.

Seasonal Interest: Many drought-tolerant plants have unique seasonal blooms or foliage changes, providing year-round visual interest.



Xeriscaping offers a sustainable and environmentally friendly alternative to traditional landscaping, with significant benefits in water conservation, reduced maintenance, and ecological impact. For those willing to invest the time and resources, xeriscaping can be a rewarding way to create beautiful, sustainable landscapes that thrive with minimal water use, and Greenhouse Garden Center is here to help you on your water-conserving journey.

THE VALUE OF UPDATING AN EXISTING

Landscape

Landscaping has a tremendous impact on the value, curb appeal, and aesthetic beauty of your home. Updating an existing landscape that feels outdated, old or worn does not necessarily mean rip out all the plants and start from scratch; it can be a faster, easier, and more cost-efficient approach, giving your property a fresh appearance.

WHEN TO UPDATE YOUR LANDSCAPE

Even without starting from a blank slate, updating your landscape can be an overwhelming project. There are times when updating is a good value, however, and can create savings or bring you significant profits.

The Overgrown Landscape

Shaggy, overgrown landscaping may be causing problems you aren't aware of, such as damaging underground water or septic pipes, gas lines, or electrical cables. Elevated lines could also be damaged by falling branches. An overgrown landscape will block views and could scratch your home's siding, cause roof damage, or stain or crack concrete in the sidewalk, driveway, or patio areas. All of these problems can lead to very costly repairs.

The 'For Sale' Landscape

If you plan on selling your home, landscaping is one of the first things potential buyers will notice. Poorly maintained landscaping gives a bad first impression that could discourage buyers, while an updated landscape adds significant value and may increase the sales price.

A complicated landscape might put off buyers who aren't interested in outdoor maintenance, but a simple, fresh landscape can welcome new owners to your home.



Mickey
Mickey has been taking care of our plants as the Watering Supervisor for the last 7 years.

The Unused Landscape

A wide swath of lawn does no good to your quality of life if you don't enjoy it, but adding a recreation area, entertaining space or other outdoor living areas can be a fantastic value. Updating your landscape to include gardening space and edibles such as fruit trees, berry bushes, and fresh herbs can dramatically cut grocery bills.

The High Maintenance Landscape

Complicated gardens, plants that require extensive care and lawns that need generous fertilizing and watering can be a significant financial drain on homeowners. Updating your landscape to minimize lawn surfaces or opt for lower-care options can be a beautiful way to modernize your property and lower the time and money needed to keep it looking its best.

By updating your landscape, you can save both time and money, and you'll find yourself enjoying your new landscape much more than any outdated design.



IDEAS TO UPDATE YOUR LANDSCAPE FOR THE MOST VALUE

Depending on your reasons for updating your landscape, its existing condition, the budget, and the timeline you have for the project, many options will add good value to your property. Popular choices include...

Fast Updates

For an updated look right away, add new mulch around trees and in flowerbeds to create a pop of color, suppress weeds and give the area a unified look. Other easy options include pruning shrubs, weeding, and adding containers to an entryway and colorful flowers to existing beds.

Widening Pathways

Wider pathways give your home a more welcoming, open feel that is ideal for entertaining. Existing paths can be expanded with pavers, bricks, gravel, or mulch to make them broader, and it is also a good time to be sure they are level and easy to navigate.

Deepening Beds

Deep flowerbeds create a luxurious buffer around your home and provide space for additional plantings, such as a row of colorful annuals along the front edge of the bed. When deepening beds, you can also easily change their shape for a fresh, new look.

Protecting Privacy

Landscaping that protects privacy is always desirable, and tall ornamental grasses, a green wall, large containers, or fencing can create a more private space for you to enjoy. Consider enclosing a patio, blocking unwanted views, or otherwise sheltering your space for greater privacy.

Casting Shade

Plants or structures that shade your home or outdoor spaces can help control temperature to make the area more comfortable and save on heating and cooling bills. Planting trees or installing awnings, pergolas or other shade structures are the most popular options.

Lighting Up

The right lighting can give your landscape a whole new look, with more security as well. Add lights to pathways, specimen plants, architectural features, or outdoor living areas to update your landscape and create a brighter, safer, more enjoyable space.

New Niches

Creating a cozy niche in your landscape is a great way to encourage you to enjoy being outdoors. A comfortable hammock, swing, or bench can lead to more time outdoors. A fire pit welcomes gatherings. A meditation feature, such as a fountain, can also be a peaceful addition.

Outdoor Rooms

For more formal entertaining, a complete outdoor room can add tremendous value to your property. An outdoor kitchen, grill, or bar is a great choice, or you might opt for an entertainment area complete with a television, fire pit, and extra seating.

Trees

Trees are ideal long-term investments that add wonderful value to your property. A small tree may not seem significant, but over the years it will grow into a luxurious specimen that provides shade and distinction, as well as fruit, nuts, or other benefits, depending on the tree.

Sod

If it's your lawn that needs updating, consider new sod for instant results. Replacing sod will even out your lawn, remove weeds, repair bare or thin patches and provide luxurious footing all in one step.



No matter how you choose to update your existing landscape, our experts can help you find just the right options to refresh your property for your needs and budget. Contact us today and see how we can bring new life to your old landscape!



SPRING *Lawn Renovation*

SEEDING

If you are planning to seed a new lawn or overseed an existing lawn, it is best to seed as early as possible. It is important to get seed germinated and growing before trees begin to leaf out, when the trees will be usurping more of the soil's moisture and nutrition and new leaves will block sunlight from the grass seed. This is especially true in more heavily shaded areas. Keep the area moist at all times until the roots of grass seed become established, then you can gradually decrease the frequency of watering. The new grass can be mowed when it reaches a height of about three inches.

REJUVENATING A WEAK LAWN

Your lawn cannot live without air, water and nutrients, but decaying material matted down between grass blades can smother even the healthiest-looking lawn. This decaying material is called thatch, and when a thick layer of thatch builds up, water and fertilizer may run off instead of penetrating the soil. **Aerating and dethatching** can help rejuvenate a lawn by restoring passageways to the soil. Late spring is an excellent time to dethatch cool-season grasses. Thatching rakes can be used, or you can use a metal rake to remove thatch by hand. Organic fertilizers used in the summer help break down thatch.

Aerating a compacted lawn with a core aerator removes soil plugs which improves air, water, and nutrient penetration to grass roots, promoting deeper root growth and a healthier lawn. This can be done in either spring or fall. Maintaining your lawn at a higher level, 4 inches, throughout the growing season creates deeper roots and a more water-efficient lawn. Top dressing with a yard of compost over 1000 sq. ft. is highly recommended when aerating.

ADJUSTING pH

The pH of your soil has a direct impact on the health of your lawn. Test your soil to determine the pH (simple kits are available to do this). We recommend a small handful of soil taken from a depth of 3 inches to get the most accurate reading. At a pH of 6.8-7.0, nutrients are most readily available to turf grasses, and beneficial microorganisms are more active to decompose thatch and keep the soil structure healthy. If your pH is too low or too high, consider amending the soil as needed to help bring it to a more desirable level. Sulfur is a common way to help lower the pH of your soil for your lawn and gardens.

A lot goes into having a lush, healthy lawn, but if you take the appropriate steps to rejuvenate your lawn in spring, you'll be rewarded with thick, healthy, resilient turf to enjoy from early spring until snow flies again.

Spring is the ideal time to spruce up your lawn. After a long winter, you can easily see where any bald, bare or thin patches exist, as well as where weeds or fungus may be taking over the lawn. Fortunately, there are easy ways to set your lawn to rights!

WEED CONTROL

On established lawns that you are not overseeding, apply season-long **BioAdvanced® All-In-One Lawn Weed & Crabgrass Killer**, which targets both broadleaf weeds (dandelion, clover) and crabgrass, anytime you find weeds in the lawn. This helps stop any new seeds from growing for 2 to 4 months. We prefer use of separate weed killers and fertilizers rather than a weed and feed, especially when there are trees in the lawn.



INSECT CONTROL

Apply **Eight® Soil Insect Control** when insect activity is first observed, often in June and July. Keeps listed insects away for up to 3 months. Kills surface and sub-surface insects after granules are watered into the soil.



DISEASE CONTROL

Ferti-lome® F-Stop™ Lawn and Garden Fungicide granules contain a systemic protectant and curative fungicide designed to prevent and control diseases. Apply early in the season for up to 4 weeks of control. Please don't water your lawn between 10 a.m. and 11 p.m. to curb diseases in your turf.



FERTILIZATION

March is a great time to start fertilizing your lawn and every plant in your landscape. We recommend using **Sustane® Natural Fertilizer**. Sustane® 8-2-4 is the perfect fertilizer for when you need significant quantities of organic slow-release nitrogen with low burn potential. Greenhouse Garden Center also carries two synthetic fertilizers as well. **Master Green Lawn Food 25-6-4** and **Master Nursery® Multi-Purpose Fertilizer 16-16-16**.



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