



Landscaping Tips:

Remember, nothing increases the value of your home as fast as a well-landscaped and manicured yard. As well, you get to enjoy it all the while you live there. Here are a few simple tips on landscaping your yard:

- Keep It Simple. Plant only what you need and can easily maintain
- Don't over plant. Take in to account the mature size a tree and bush will eventually/quickly get.
- Transplant trees/bushes in the fall or early spring.
- Trim off blossomed flowers to stimulate new flower growth.
- Design With Curves - not only are curved beds more attractive, they are also easier to maintain and to mow along.
- Mulch Heavily - less weeding and watering - also looks neat.
- Aerate you yard at least annually or better – twice a year.
- Choose Plants For Your Locale: they'll grow faster and better with less care. Check with your local garden center.
- Fertilize and water properly - giving nature a boost will provide healthy plants that will resist disease and weeds.
- Watering times. Plants need the most water when they've first been planted, and at the height of summer. When the weather gets cooler, you can water less often—or even skip it altogether.
- Mowing lawns. Make sure you mow your lawn often and never cut more than 30% to 40% at a time.
- Planting bulbs. Most bulbs will bud if planted in the spring, but for the longest blooming period and hardiest growth, plant in late summer or early fall, before the first frost sets in.
- Less formal gardens. Instead of rigid borders and beds with everything evenly spaced, try a more naturalistic approach with plants such as ferns and wildflowers that are supposed to look a little messy and freeform.
- Hardy plants. Annuals, for example, need to be dug up every year. Vegetables are highly susceptible to pests. But ornamental grasses and herbs can fend for themselves in most situations.
- Prune bushes regularly as it not only beautifies your yard but it will stimulate growth.

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