



Creating Curb Appeal....

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Why It Matters

- Boost your mood – nice welcome for visitors
- More Space for Planting
- Decorating Outside as valuable as Decorating Indoors
- Increases home's value and shortens time to sell

Quick and Affordable Fixes

Start with the front door

- Paint to create accent and mark entryway
- Add a seasonal wreath or other decoration
- Containers

- Scale appropriate to the house
- Color and textures work together

Edge your Planting Beds as needed and desired

- Shovel for small beds – edger for larger spaces
- Freshen mulch
 - Should be functional and aesthetically pleasing
 - Leaves, woodchips and stone
 - Provide backdrop for gardens and not overwhelm design
 - 2 to 3" layer is sufficient – don't overdo
 - Lightly till mulch to loosen and freshen the look

The Next Step

Add a Front Entrance Garden

- Complements your home's architecture
- In scale with your home
- Directs visitors to the front door
- Seasonal Interest
- Reflects your personality

Lawn Care

- May choose to eliminate – more on that later
- Traditional Lawn
 - Fertilize at least once a year to greatly reduce weeds
 - Memorial Day, Labor Day and Halloween for denser lawn
 - Mow high and often
- Growing Grass in heavy shade
 - Shade tolerant
 - Pennsylvania sedge
 - Shade tolerant groundcovers
 - Don't kill the trees for the flowers

Managing Overgrown Shrubs

- Prune
 - Late winter for summer bloomers
 - Right after flowering for spring blooming shrubs
 - Renewal – remove a few older stems to ground and reduce height by 1/3
 - Rejuvenation – cut the whole plant back to the ground – regrowth may be taller

Replace

- Right size plant for the location
- Hardy and pest resistant
- Added value
 - Multiple seasons of interest
 - Fragrance
 - Bird and butterfly appeal
- Properly space for long term benefits
 - Fill space between with annuals and perennials

Divide Overgrown Perennials

Spring bloomers in fall, fall bloomers in spring, summer bloomers spring or fall
OR when you have the time

Go All Out

Maximize your enjoyment and your front yard's beauty

Adding Trees, Shrubs and more planting beds

Consider your home's architecture

Scale and color

Plants should anchor not overpower house

Keep windows, drive and walkways clear

Design with maintenance in mind

A beautiful landscape is only as pretty as it is well maintained

Lawns

Turn them into gardens

Maintain a sense of civilization when living in the city

Clover Lawn

No Mow – Meadow

Create a Front Entrance City Area

Raised beds for privacy, planting and sitting

Pergolas and arbors

Furniture in keeping with landscape design and house's architecture

Don't forget the Small Touches that make a difference

Street Numbers

Simple or ornate

Light them up so guests and emergency services can find you

Mailbox

Garden Accent

Exterior Lighting

Light walkways for safe and easy travel through your yard

Extends your enjoyment

Highlight form and structure of specimen plants, water features....

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