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Landscape Lighting Increases Your Curb Appeal

By William Dittman

High quality landscaping can add so much to a home or business, especially when the landscaping brings color and creativity to the forefront. When a homeowner or business owner takes the next step and adds landscape lighting, the result has the potential to be phenomenal.

Landscape lighting really enhances attractive landscaping, and can make ordinary landscaping stand out and turn into attractive landscaping. Adding landscaping isn't necessarily all that difficult or even terribly costly, but the curb appeal which good landscape lighting adds is undeniable.

Adding landscape lighting can even enhance winter landscapes, accentuating trees, bushes, and even ornaments that really add to the visual affect that makes landscaping so appealing. Introducing landscape lighting to existing landscaping is a project that is definitely worth consulting with a professional. Having landscape lighting installed professionally can help you avoid some very common mistakes that detract from the landscape instead of enhancing it.

Having your landscape lighting professionally installed will open up your options for landscape lighting more than most people realize. Professionals have a very critical eye for landscape and landscape lighting and can easily pull forth the best qualities to highlight while introducing you to your best option for you landscape lighting.

The installation of landscape lighting can be done at the time of having landscaping completed or landscape lighting can be added to existing landscaping. Having the landscape lighting added to landscape as it is being completed allows the landscaper an extra margin of creativity, creating the landscape lighting as an original part of the overall landscaping. Adding landscape lighting to existing landscaping may sometimes require a few transplants and perhaps the addition of a few extra plants, but most of the time landscape lighting can be added to existing landscaping without rearranging anything. However, if you've been considering making a few additions or changes to your existing landscaping, doing so while installing landscape lighting is the perfect opportunity.

Homes with landscape lighting attract more attention than homes without landscape lighting. The better the landscape lighting, obviously, the more attention the homes or business will attract. Accent lighting and landscape lighting can bring forth a very different night time beauty that was previously overlooked. During the darker winter months, landscape lighting can add a value of warmth to the look of the home or business, which will make it appealing and inviting. During the summer months when the landscaping is in full bloom, landscape lighting will accentuate the best and most appealing parts of your landscaping while creating a very attractive and even festive look to the home or business.

Businesses that take the time to install landscape lighting are much more appealing than businesses that don't. This additional appeal attracts clients and customers, especially those businesses which are open after dark even if for only part of the year. When a business is exceptionally appealing to clients and customers, they tend to attract regular and repeat business. Landscape lighting can be part of that attraction. There is a visual sense of calm that people associate with landscape lighting. That visual sense of calm make clients and customers feel at ease about coming inside and spending some time or money.

Homes with landscape lighting are more appealing as well. Whether you are considering selling a home, having family and friends over, or simply want to make your home a nicer and more comfortable environment, landscape lighting can absolutely deliver what you're looking for. Homes which are up for sale that have landscape lighting attract more potential buyers than homes without landscape lighting.

Professionally installed landscape lighting can offer a home or business owner variable options to enhance the qualities they believe are the most appealing while allowing a professional landscape lighting expert to make unbiased recommendations. This ensures that your landscape lighting will be more than adequate, it will be phenomenal. Don't choose a landscape lighting professional carelessly. Often professional landscape lighting experts can offer you examples of their work, which in turn can give you confidence that you are hiring the very best in landscape lighting.

Having landscape lighting installed is a huge home or business improvement that will have noticeable effects right away. It is highly recommended to have your landscape lighting professionally installed and professionally maintained. Professional installation of landscape

lighting is easy and adds value to a home or business without much effort and no inconvenience. Landscape lighting adds curb appeal faster than almost any other home or business improvement.

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Landscape Edging Adds to Your Landscapes Ease of Maintenance and Beauty

By Bill McRea

Landscape edging is a part of the landscape design. Landscape edging increases the perception of the landscape that has been created. Landscape edging for car parking curbs, mower edges, and playground edging are the usual landscape designs. These are generally made to give a definite shape to the man-made landscape constructions.

Flashy colors draw attention to the landscape edging while the option of comforting colors are pleasant to the eye instead of being a focal point. Take care while choosing the right landscape edging colors. The texture of the edging is also given a special attention. Coarse, medium or fine could be used to describe texture but so could smooth, rough, glossy or dull.

Landscape edgings like Metal Edging, Plastic Edging, bricks, pavers, railroad ties, wood and wood timbers are the generally used materials for landscape edging. A custom-fit, seamless concrete border for landscaping, trees and flowerbeds gives an outline to the landscape and makes it eye-catching. But before installing material one should keep in mind few things like flexibility, longevity, faster and easier installation. Concrete outlasts metal, wood and plastic and also allows for curves and contours to fit the demands of modern landscaping designs.

Landscape edging gives a definite lining to the landscape design. As line is related to the eye, movement or flow, the concept and creation of line depends upon the purpose of the design and existing patterns. In the overall landscape, line is inferred by bed arrangement and the way these beds fit or flow together by landscape edging. These lines are smooth, graceful or gentle and create a relaxing, progressive, moving and natural feeling. The form of the landscape is also defined by landscape edging. As form is discussed in terms of individual plant growth habits or in planting arrangement in a landscape, landscape edging arranges the plants in the landscape. The scale or the size of the landscape edging in relation to the surroundings refers to definite measurements.

Landscape edging also involves visual observation toward a landscape at the vanishing point between radial or approaching lines. Landscape edging could also be used to direct traffic in a

garden area. Guidance of a view toward commercial, aesthetic or cultural value may attract the eye of the unaware without conscious effort.

The aesthetic value of landscape edging is also very high. The quality of the material can be anything but if the relation is maintained with the theme of the landscape, an artistic appeal is formed. The materials can be based on the pathways, plants or the other things that it edges. For example, clay edging can be perfect with the brick pathway and wood edging can go with the water bodies.

Landscape edging gives the finishing touch to the landscape design. It defines the main bodies that make a landscape. Before designing the landscape one must plan the edging as well. It is also one of the important elements of the art in landscape designing.

Gardening and landscaping are one of life's simple joys. Learn more about Landscape edging [<http://www.garden-facts.com/>] by visiting our Garden Facts [<http://www.garden-facts.com/>] web site.

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How Landscaping and Hardscaping Increases Home Value

By Marc Onorato

The next time you step outside your home, you might want to take a closer look at your property's landscaping and hardscaping. Upgrading a home's landscaping from OK to W-O-W can increase overall value from 10-20%, according to research from Virginia Tech.

Landscaping 101

Landscaping goes beyond just plants and shrubs to hardscaping, which includes retaining walls, patios, walkways paver driveways and other man-made improvements to your outdoor space. There are thousands of landscaping portfolios on the web. You might try searching landscaping and hardscaping ideas.

A landscape contractor or landscape architect can work with the client to generate a detailed plan. Typically, the homeowner then hires a landscape contractor to carry out the installation. A truly professional landscaping firm can do both.

According to US News & World Report, these are just a few of the trending items in landscape and hardscape designs:

- Outdoor lighting
- Water features
- Fire pits
- Fences

- Garden paths

Enlist a professional for your hardscape or landscape project

When hiring a landscaping company, go with a licensed professional, who is experienced with all the things that contribute to the project's success. A true professional will have experience in such topics as:

- Horticulture
- Soil
- Property grading and drainage
- Irrigation
- Landscape design
- Hardscaping

It goes without saying that you need a design expert. Like any home improvement project, consider this an investment-find the right professional who is knowledgeable, skilled and eager to collaborate. Be honest- if you do not have the time or the inclination to maintain your project, ask about low-maintenance vegetation and easy-care hardscaping.

Planning your home's landscaping and hardscaping

You and your landscape contractor should expect to walk the property a few times. There's more to the project than adding; you'll want to determine if there are dying trees or overgrown shrubs that need removing. And the pro will point out areas of problematic grading, irrigation needs and items that may require just a bit of refreshing.

A great landscaping professional will look at areas that can be enhanced. Discuss a new walkway, an upgraded patio or stairway, plantings that complement the look and feel of the project, and exterior lighting. Exterior lighting not only adds to property value-it provides increased security for your family. A pro will offer advice on up-lights, down-lights and tree lights.

Phased landscaping & hardscaping project preparation

One of the most significant mistakes any homeowner can make is landscaping and hardscaping bit-by-bit with no plan. A purple petunia here, a patio there, a red maple in the middle of the front lawn. Lack of a proper design will end up in a property that looks thrown together and could negatively impact your home's value. An expert landscape designer can craft and implement plans that provides a stylized look. Keeping on track with a professionally prepared design will not only result in a stunning property-it will keep the project on a pre-established budget.

Protecting your landscaping and hardscaping project

It is important to care for your landscaping investment and keep your property looking its very best. A landscape company can help you with maintenance needs. Today's homeowners lead busy lives.

A professionally landscaped property is a sure ticket to quick resale. It gives a home curb appeal, a sense of place and value. Remember, it doesn't all have to occur at once. Many homeowners choose a 5-year plan that matures at varying intervals and allows for a variety of features over

the years. Homeowners can keep to a budget-both time-wise and cost-wise-while working towards a beautiful landscape and hardscape renovation.

If you don't have the time or inclination to maintain the investment, ask about a service schedule from a qualified landscaping company, like Onorato Landscaping.

Marc Onorato listens and asks questions until he fully understands his customer's desires and then he enhance their visions as he designs their hardscaping and landscaping projects The website can be accessed at: <http://onoratolandscaping.com> Onorato Landscaping provides residential and commercial landscaping and hardscaping services for all of Bergen County, NJ and call them at 201-941-1623 to discuss how they can beautify your property while increasing its value

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Spring Is the Time to Plan Your Landscaping

By Marc Onorato

Homeowners thinking about landscaping this spring have heard the many phrases about "home". It's where the heart is, it's the castle, and it's sweet. We agree with them all, with the exception of one - there's no need for it to be ever so humble.

Thoughtful landscaping will add color, warmth and texture to the place you love. From growing flourishing shrubs, to colorful annuals and perennials, to deer-proofing the garden, there are many eye-catching ways to make your home inviting and appealing. Great landscaping ideas include variety; adding height, creating spaces where you and your guests can sit and relax, inclusion of stunning hardscaping, fountains etc. Yard landscaping should be both attractive and functional, so let your imagination go.

Google the words "spring landscaping ideas" and you'll be overwhelmed by everything you find. You can look at portfolios for ideas. Tip: Homeowners should explore landscaping in their specific regions for the plants that will thrive in their projects.

Here are a few ideas to consider when speaking with your chosen professional landscaper:

Say Hello with Flowers this Spring

Simply put, flowers are an invitation to enter. Flowers always make a home seem more welcoming. Prettify your entrance with an assortment of annuals and perennials to keep the colors going all year long. Pansy, Day Lily and Russian Sage are great additions to set the stage.

If you have a small space between your house and the street, try putting a low fence in front. It gives the illusion that your house is farther from the street than it really is, and it also makes for a great space for planting flowers and vines.

Landscaping with Vines-Let the Romance Begin

There's nothing more quixotic than lush green tendrils meandering around fences and retaining walls. Your landscaper can guide you to the all-important non-invasive varieties-Trumpet Honeysuckle, Clematis, and Morning Glory. All vines can be trained to grow on a fence or in a container, if that's the preference.

Don't Forget to Include the Driveway in Your Landscaping Project

By carefully sculpting the landscape and choosing the right plants and materials, you can hide an unattractive driveway. Or, you can consider if the time is right to replace that broken cement with beautiful new pavers. Many landscape portfolios show how the combination of landscape and hardscape can transform your property into the Garden of Eden. A low hedge with create an elegant look that can be combined with annuals and perennials. Depending on the look and feel of your home, this landscaping can be trim and stylish or a bit wild.

Blooms, Blooms...It's Spring We Presume

Ask anyone who knows-the easiest way to make over the look of your home landscape is blooms. Blossoming trees, shrubs, and flowers provide maximum impact. And you can change color quick as a wink! Ask your landscaper for recommendations; Chinese Snowballs, Flowering Plum, Crepe Myrtle, Magnolia are just a few northeast favorites.

Factor in the Unexpected for a Spectacular Landscape

Even the smallest space can house a surprise. A fountain, statue, bench or a special flower display atop a breathtaking stone wall can provide your guests with a "wow" factor that makes your home both a neighborhood showplace and a portfolio entry . In a trim and elegant yardscape, an area of wildflowers can take a visitor's breath away!

Choosing the right landscaping organization is a must for creating a garden wonderland that offers an oasis from the trials and tribulations of everyday life. Do your research-get referrals and references- to locate a knowledgeable, experienced and cooperative professional partner. Homeowners are a fortunate group; the portfolio for spring landscaping ideas is varied and vast.

Visit the website <http://onoratolandscaping.com> for valuable information and tips on landscaping as well as portfolios on landscape design, driveway, patio and commercial landscaping ideas.

Here are a few topics covered in the website

Seven tips to finding the best landscape design firm for your needs

How hardscaping adds value to your home

Ten keys to buying a paver driveway

The advantages and disadvantages of various patio materials:

What are the common materials used for Bergen County retaining walls and their pros and cons?

Plus much more...

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Enjoy Your Home Landscape

By Lawrence L. Hoyle

Landscape Architecture philosophy is to create a design that naturally integrates your landscape, house and lifestyle to create a restful, serene outdoor living area for your family to enjoy for many years to come. your designers studies your site characteristics, such as size and shape of the lot, exposure (to sun, shade, wind, rain and snow), soils, slope, neighborhood, style of house, utility access and existing plants. Garden designs can range from formal to naturalistic, and from simple to complex. Landscape design drawings are designed uniquely suited to both the individual site and the expressed desires of the client. Outdoor designs are concerned with small and large site projects. Landscape plantings, however, are at their worst when new and should improve with age.

Design

Design principles include unit, balance, transition, focalization, proportion, rhythm, repetition and simplicity. Design approach is also an important factor influencing maintenance requirements. Design the details for your landscape design that can include arbors, edgings, fences, gates, sheds, gazebos, playgrounds, pools, grills and more. Use a lot of free curves in your design which give the illusion of even more space. Do-it-yourselfers must first learn the basic designing elements that underline the discipline of landscape design. One initial purpose of landscape design is to blend man's construction (house or building) into the natural surroundings. The landscape designer should consider the color changes throughout the year when developing a landscape plan.

Garden

Garden-making concerns the relationship of the human being to his natural surroundings and an awareness of the interplay between objects occupying outdoor space.

Site

Conduct a Site Analysis to complete a survey of the customer's property is essential. The plot plan will assist you in organizing the information from the site analysis. During the site analysis, views should be observed from inside the house to outside and from outside to inside the house. Costly and undesirable maintenance practices and the need for site modifications can be minimized or avoided by including maintenance considerations and the use of IPM throughout the planning and design phase of a landscape development project. A thorough site analysis can save you time and money. In most cases, designing for low-maintenance and utilization of IPM is quite straight forward, the same principles generally apply from site to site, and their application will not significantly increase the design and construction expenses of a project (particularly when life-cycle costs and benefits are considered). Landscape design drawings are produced to be uniquely suited to both the personal site and the expressed desires of the client. You'll enjoy the fun of being involved in the landscape design process, and you will benefit from a design based on your unique site and personal preferences. Plantings in the public area should focus attention to the entrance.

The public area is the portion of the residential landscape the public sees and uses. The current trend toward smaller residential lots encourages the development of some of the front yard for family living. Symmetrical balance has been overdone in residential landscape design. Asymmetrical balance is often more desirable for residential landscapes as balance is created without monotony.

Do-it-yourselfers must first learn the basic designing elements that underline the discipline of landscape design. Professional landscape architecture helps to prevent the usual problems of old retaining walls, dying plants, bug and pest infestation, fading rotting wood, sagging tilting fences, and pathways and driveways that sink. Practically speaking, landscape architecture and landscape design are almost one in the same, if done properly according to the science, knowledge and skill that should be utilized. Wherever you are, we can serve you with professional landscape design services.

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Landscapes - The Enhancement of a Pleasant Experience

By Avisha Jain

Landscaping forms an essential part of grooming a home. The verdant greenery that surrounds a home casts a magical spell over the person that is living in it and it enhances the pleasurable experience of living in the house. It is generally believed that the first impression is the last impression which holds true in cases where the landscaping reflects the taste and the love and care that the homeowner has for his home. When a prospective home owner purchases a house, one of the first priorities that he will have is how lush green the lawn is. He also will look for if the lawn has a luxuriant thick carpet of grass that contains a myriad of brightly colored flower beds, solid and exotic trees which will create marvels from inanimate objects such as rocks, which are known as hardscapes.

Landscaping - Essential Requirements

Landscaping is an artwork that can easily be depicted by turning barren land into a picturesque and beautiful garden. Landscaping of an area within the yard of a house entirely depends on the preferences and tastes of the homeowner. Landscapes could be relatively simple or complex when it entails a combination of various components that include irrigation systems for watering the landscaped area, proper drainage of excess water, planning a layout of exotic plants, and flowers that are properly laid out in flower beds, as well as, an accentuation of lighting. Simple landscaping does not involve heavy investment, yet when a homeowner contemplates on intricate designing of the landscape, the expenditure could be colossal. Hardscapes involve the creation of an attractive landscape with various types of rocks and merging them with the green landscape.

One cannot imagine the pleasure of getting up early in the morning and beholding the beauty of the landscaped garden that is awash with sunlight through the plate-glass window is absolutely fascinating. There is hardly any doubt that a home that has a landscaped garden is not only an asset for the home owner but, he will notice how his resale value of the house rises substantially with a good lawn.

Significant Aspects of Landscaping

There are several aspects that need to be considered before planning on landscaping a home. One of the most significant aspects is the composition of soil that needs to be landscaped. It is necessary that the soil is not acidic since plants thrive in a fertile soil. Sunlight is one of the essential aspects that are required to maintain the landscaped garden as it is one of the most important factors. An appropriate irrigation of water and a proper drainage system is one of the mandatory features that affect the flourishing of the landscaped garden since improper water irrigation and drainage system may prove to be dangerous for the landscaped gardens.

There are several professional agencies that offer their professional services to assist the homeowner in various aspects of landscaping. These include assessing the soil composition; selection of plants; designing and planning the irrigation and draining systems; and planning if the homeowner wants hardscapes.

Eagle Landscape offers landscaping ideas, from landscape design to landscape maintenance services for commercial and residential properties. For landscape design Plano solutions visit their website.

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Landscaping Tips and Ideas

By Sandra Fiona Green

It isn't all that easy to always come up with your own landscaping idea. Actually most folks will need some help with their landscaping, it's a good thing that it isn't hard to find a landscaping idea to use. You will find hundreds of sites online that may all have a great landscaping idea or 2 for you to take and make your own.

There are one or two places you can get some wonderful landscaping ideas and possibly the number 1 place is the web. It is very important that you put plenty of thought and consideration into the landscaping of your yard in the front and in the back so finding the ideal landscaping idea is essential to your success. See the way the drainage is and take a look at the slopes and levels of your property. The more you notice the simpler things will be. It might be horrible to choose a landscaping idea and then start work to find that it cannot be completed halfway through due to some aspect of your property. This is why you've got to find out all that you can about each landscaping idea that you're considering using.

And before you choose the final landscaping idea you're going to use take a little additional time to learn the basics of landscaping. This is imperative if you haven't done any work like this before. If you're new to the entire world of landscaping then you may wish to take out a book or 2 from the library. There is a lot to be gained from reading some good landscaping books, you may even find a landscaping idea in them. This way you do not have to pay for them and you will still get all that they have to offer.

If you know that you want to change the landscaping in your front yard and your back yard then you need to utilise a landscaping idea which will incorporate both these. Your back and front yards should flow together, this could give you the absolute best design so look at a landscaping idea that may give you this kind of harmony and you will have a better yard for it. But in all of my years as a landscape artist I have come to the opinion that while there happen to be many various landscaping tips some are universal and there's a good likelihood that only one landscaping tip will do you any good.

Landscaping Tips

The landscaping tip that everyone can learn a lot from is to always make your yard one that can look great at any time of the year. This may be tough because in midwinter many things do not look so hot. This is the reason why it is so critical to find out about the types of plants and trees that may still bring beauty to your home in the depth of winter and in the summer heat.

To find the plants which will make this landscaping tip work will need you to do a little more work. You'll have to discover what plants will thrive in your climate all year round. Of course some will do better during certain months but you want to always have something going on that's attractive in your yard. The best place for you to find out the best plants for this landscaping tip is your local garden center. If this does not work for you then make a journey to the library and check out some books on local trees and flowers.

Another good landscaping tip is to layer all your planting beds. These can be gold when you are making an attempt to choose just the proper things for your yard. This could bring a feeling of unity and balance to your whole yard. To get this actual landscaping tip working at its finest you must also use repetition in this design. Have these layers repeated throughout the yard and it'll look that far better to those walking by.

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