

Landscaping Tips

Selling? Buying? Plant a Garden.

When your landscaping looks beautiful, you will have more prospective buyers knocking on your door. On the other hand, if you have just moved in, a freshly planted garden will help make your new property feel like home. Begin now, and design your garden using the following tips.

- ❑ **Do your research.** Learn as much about plants as possible. Learn the difference between annuals and perennials, as this will determine whether your garden remains constant or changes from year to year. Annuals will bloom one time only, while perennials return year after year.
- ❑ **Plan early.** Measure your yard and especially the area where you want the garden. Sketch out where your plants will go, as this layout will also help you in determining how much to buy. Also consider during planning how much sunlight and shade your plants will require, what type of soil you are working with, and how the garden will look from the house, a porch, or from a passer-by's perspective.
- ❑ **Choose a color combination.** Establishing a color theme gives your plan order and purpose. You can use a wide variety of colors, complementary hues, or contrasting shades. Use plants that bloom at different times throughout the season to maintain constant color and interest in your garden.
- ❑ **Consider height and width.** When designing your garden, keep in mind how high the plants will grow. Place the taller plants in the back to keep smaller plants visible and leave spacing in between the rows for growth.
- ❑ **Personalize it.** Your garden can match your personality with the plant choices you make as well as the accessories you add. You can include things such as stepping stones, a fountain, old watering cans, etc.



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