

LANDSCAPING

A definition of landscaping for the homeowner

People have practiced landscaping for centuries. As far back as the ancient Mayans, humans were manipulating the land for both aesthetic and practical reasons. The addition of plants, changes to the existing terrain and the construction of structures are all part of landscaping.

Today landscaping refers to the planning, laying out and construction of gardens that enhance the appearance and create useable space for outdoor activities around a home.

Landscaping Options & Ideas

If you are considering landscaping your home check out these resources:

- [Landscaping Pictures](#)
Browse hundreds of unique residential landscapes
- [Landscaping Ideas](#)
Get inspiration & expert advice for your yard
- [How to Landscape](#)
Discover how to plan the ultimate garden retreat
- [Backyard Ideas](#)
Learn everything you need to know about outdoor living spaces
- [Front Yard Landscaping](#)
Find ideas for boosting the curb appeal of your home
- [Landscaping Plants](#)
Browse a collection of plants organized by style, use and type

When it comes to landscaping, the options abound. Some people want a perfectly balanced combination of hardscape (patios) and softscape (plants). Some people want a sustainable landscape design that saves water and creates a natural habitat. While other people want to recreate a certain garden style they find appealing, such as modern or tropical. Still others want a space complete with an outdoor kitchen, fire pit and swimming pool where they can entertain friends and family. Whatever you desire, make sure you communicate this clearly to the pro you are working with.

The internet is a good place to gather ideas for your own landscaping project. Start by browsing landscaping pictures and take note of what you do and do not like. Next, look at examples of local landscaping projects to determine what works in your area. Finally, research and learn about the specific features you would like to include in your landscape.