

5 Simple Landscape Changes That Instantly Boost Curb Appeal



Thoughtful landscaping adds a sense of welcome, enhances a home's character, and creates a lasting first impression.

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Landscaping is about more than just appearance. Even small improvements can make a property feel more inviting, memorable, and well cared for.

INCORPORATE A GARDEN PATH

A thoughtfully placed garden path adds instant charm while creating a welcoming route through the landscape. Paths naturally guide visitors through the property and can make smaller gardens feel larger by introducing a sense of movement and discovery.

TIDY YOUR LANDSCAPING

Refresh flower beds with a new layer of mulch or pine straw. This simple update instantly makes a landscape look well maintained while helping suppress weeds and retain soil moisture. Clean, crisp edges where the lawn meets driveways, curbs, and garden beds also create a polished, finished look.

For year-round interest and depth, incorporate evergreen shrubs for winter structure and perennials for seasonal color. Arrange taller plants toward the back and shorter ones in the front to create a layered, visually appealing landscape.

CHOOSE PLANTS THAT THRIVE IN THE MISSISSIPPI HEAT

Choose plants suited for Mississippi's heat and humidity to keep landscapes vibrant with less maintenance. Annuals like coleus, pentas, and vincas, along with hardy perennials such as lantana, salvia, and black-eyed Susans, perform well even during the hottest months. Mulching and thoughtful placement of shade-loving plants also help retain moisture and protect soil.

FRONT ENTRY AND PORCH UPDATES

Your front entry sets the tone for the entire home. One of the simplest ways to elevate curb appeal is by placing large, symmetrical planters on either side of the doorway. These statement containers add balance, scale, and architectural interest while creating a welcoming focal point. For a modern or narrow entry, tall, slender plants help

elongate the space, while classic urns or square box planters complement more traditional homes beautifully.

INSTALL SIMPLE LANDSCAPE LIGHTING

Thoughtfully placed landscape lighting can dramatically enhance the beauty of your home after sunset. Subtle lights along walkways and steps improve safety while highlighting trees, garden beds, and architectural features. Even a few well-placed fixtures can transform your landscape into a warm, inviting nighttime setting.

Often, it's the small details that make the biggest difference. A tidy landscape, welcoming entryway, and thoughtful plant choices can transform an ordinary yard into a space that feels polished and inviting. With just a few simple updates, your home's landscape can leave a lasting impression on guests and neighbors alike.

