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Four decorating tips for a stylish hallway

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1. Be bold with patterns and colours. Have fun with textures and colours to give your hallway some personality. When choosing your paint or wallpaper, keep in mind that light colours such as pastel pink, sky blue and pale green are great for achieving a bright, luminous atmosphere, while darker tones like deep purple, navy blue and pine green create a more cozy feel.

2. Showcase your art collection. Why not transform your hallway into a

custom miniature art gallery? Personalize the space with a family photo wall, or frame different sizes of artwork for an eclectic look.

3. Create storage space. Make the most of underused space by equipping your hallway with shelves, hooks and other storage systems. Just be careful to not clutter the area or impede circulation through the hallway with items that are too bulky.

4. Light it up. If your hallway is stuck in the shadows, make it more inviting by adding some light fixtures. Create a warm atmosphere with a classic ceiling light, or put up some string lights for a fairy-tale glow.



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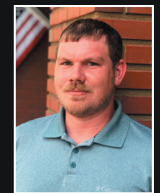
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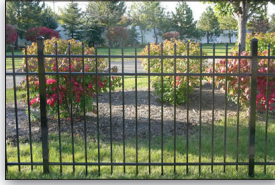
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Increasing Your Home's Value

By Kris Kiser

President & CEO, Outdoor Power Equipment Institute

Whether you are working with a buyer or a seller, your clients want a property that offers the most value for the money. Of course, many factors go into determining a home's value, including the location, neighborhood, schools, safety, floorplan, and whether it has been updated, to name a few.

But there's another important feature that is sometimes overlooked – the family yard which has rapidly become an extension of the home. Here are the top four ways family yards and other living landscapes add value to a property and extend the usefulness of the home.

CURB APPEAL

As you know, curb appeal is an important factor in determining overall property value. After all, the first impression on a home is made before buyers even walk through the door! According to the National Association of Realtors' (NAR) 2016 Remodeling Impact: Outdoor Features study, 99% of realtors have suggested that sellers improve their curb appeal before putting their home on the market, and 98% think curb appeal is important to potential buyers. That's good advice. Studies show that improving overall curb appeal, which includes a beautiful lawn and landscape, can boost property values by as much as 17% (source: Texas Tech University).

TREES ARE TOPS

Mature trees are often an indicator of an established neighborhood, which can be a positive for buyers looking for an older, classic home. But the value of trees goes beyond perception and preference and right into the pocketbook of your clients. According to the International Society of Arboriculture, each front yard tree adds 1% to a homeowner's sale price, while large specimen trees can add as much as 10% to property values.

SAVING GREEN WITH GREEN

Potential buyers often ask about the energy efficiency of a home, and it turns out that living landscapes impact the monthly electric bill.



According to the Urban Forest Coalition, 100 million mature trees around U.S. residences save approximately \$2 billion annually in reduced energy costs. In fact, strategically placed trees can save up to 56% on annual air conditioning bills. In the wintertime, evergreens that block winter winds can save 3% on heating (source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service). There's even a National Tree Benefit Calculator (TreeBenefits.com/calculator/) that can be used to estimate the economic and environmental value trees provide on an annual basis.

Cumulatively, eight average-sized front lawns can provide the cooling equivalent to air-conditioning for 18 homes (source: Alliance for Water Efficiency).

EXPANDING LIVING SPACE

Yards can be outdoor family rooms, and are increasingly important to families who want a safe, inviting place for their kids and pets to play almost year-round. Merging indoor and outdoor living to increase living space is trending, making outdoor living space important for homebuyers.

But just how much can a seller expect to recover from ensuring a useful outdoor

living area? According to the NAR survey, any cost to enhance outdoor living is well worth it.

Seeding the family yard will recover 417% of the project cost, while updating landscape with sod will result in a 143% recovery.

For homeowners who want to take on more of a project, adding a new patio will recover 102% of their investment and a new wooden deck will result in a 106% recovery rate.

One final note: a systematic research review concluded that knowing and experiencing nature makes people generally happier and healthier. Since nature starts in our own backyards, it's fair to assume that the family yard contributes to overall well-being. This is priceless, whether your client is looking for a new place to call home or is just settling in to their new property.

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Tips for a well-lit kitchen



For a safe, functional kitchen, make sure work surfaces, the stovetop and the sink are well lit.

If you're in the process of remodelling your kitchen, remember that proper lighting is key to creating a space that's both pleasant and functional. Here are three bright tips to help you light up the heart of your home.

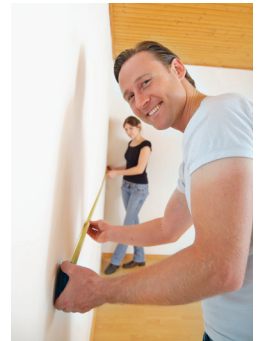
1. Start with the main light source. Install a main fixture that's bright enough to light up the entire room effectively. Make sure that the light source you choose is strong enough to create uniform lighting and eliminate dark spots as much as possible without being too bright.
2. Target strategic spots. Make sure certain strategic locations such as work surfaces, the stovetop and the sink are especially well lit to aid common kitchen tasks and prevent injuries. Choose fixtures that create targeted lighting, such as spotlights, hanging lights or under-cabinet lighting.
3. Don't neglect esthetics. Above all, your kitchen's lighting should be functional, but that doesn't mean that you need to sacrifice style. Tour your local lighting stores to find visually appealing fixtures that will add personality to your kitchen.

Avoid these four mistakes when buying furniture

Have a room to furnish? For a final result that's as practical as it is pretty, avoid making these four common mistakes.

1. Buying without measuring first

In store, your perception of size can play tricks on you. It's hard to accurately picture what a given object will look like in a different space. That's why it's crucial that you measure the room you'll be putting the piece of furniture in as well as the width of the doorways it'll have to pass through. This will allow you to determine whether that couch you're eying is the right fit for your family room. Keep in mind that just because it can fit doesn't mean it should — massive furniture in a small space creates an oppressive atmosphere.



2. Only considering the looks

Gorgeous chairs that stop being comfortable when you sit on them for more than 20 seconds. An impossible-to-clean designer couch in a household with young children. A beautiful bookcase that's too delicate to hold your encyclopedia collection. Avoid disappointment by carefully considering the function of each piece of furniture before you break out your wallet.

3. Thinking short-term

Does your son have his heart set on a race car shaped bed? Kids grow up fast — you'll likely end up having to buy new furniture before you know it. For a design that stands the test of time, go with neutral furniture and personalize the room with accessories, which are a lot easier to replace as trends change.

4. Over-furnishing

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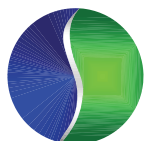


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Seven decorating tips to visually enlarge a small space



Have a small room to decorate? Make sure it doesn't turn out stuffy or cramped by following these seven space-faking design tips.

1. Keep it subtle. Light-coloured flooring is perfect to make a room look bigger. Avoid carpet, however, as it tends to have the opposite effect. Choose wide tiles or long floorboards and install them diagonally to make walls appear further apart. Use the same flooring throughout your home for a cohesive finish.
2. Choose shiny surfaces. Lustrous tiles, shiny ceilings and metallic wallpapers all reflect light and do a great job making a room look bigger.
3. Play with perspective. A mirror placed next to a window tricks the eye into seeing a bigger space while boosting the room's lighting. A nice mural featuring a vanishing point is another clever way to create the illusion of space.
4. Sheer and airy wins the race. Dress your windows with light, airy textiles to keep visual bulk to a minimum.
5. Light it up. Make sure every nook and cranny gets enough light by including lots of decorative lamps and spotlights in your decor. Nothing beats brightness when it comes to making a space appear larger!
6. Don't overdo it. Keep the design minimal and functional by incorporating plenty of storage and choosing furniture that's transparent or serves more than one purpose.
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Lawns provide a safe place for families to gather and for children and pets to play. But grass is also brilliant at combating many environmental challenges. For example, a good lawn:

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SUPPORTS BIODIVERSITY. Grass, trees, shrubs and other plants provide food and habitat for birds and small mammals. Insects, spiders and worms live among the grass blades and below the surface of the turf, so your lawn can support biodiversity and wildlife.

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Lawn or No Lawn Is Not the Question

So how to maintain a living landscape — even under tough conditions like a drought?

First, choose the right turfgrass for the climate zone and lifestyle. Hundreds of varieties of turfgrass exist, and some of them — such as buffalo and Bermudagrass — are excellent for drought conditions. When established, these grasses require very little water and are hardy enough to survive foot traffic, children’s play and pets.

Secondly, know that too much water is actually bad for grass. Overwatering causes the grass roots to grow horizontally, rather than vertically. With less water, the grass has to work harder and will grow its roots deeper into the soil in search of moisture. This helps it do a better job of trapping carbon and releasing oxygen.

People also need to change the perception that lawns must remain green. It’s okay to let your grass go brown. Grass will grow in cycles, “turning on and off,” based on the resources it gets. As water becomes less available in an area, grass will slow down, go dormant and turn brown. Turfgrass is resilient. It will green up again when the rains return.

Lastly, incorporate native plants with adaptive plants and grasses suitable for the climate. Add pollinator plants that provide food and habitat for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other animals and insects.



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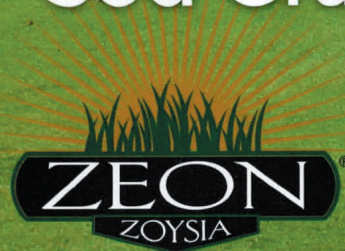
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