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What's One of the Nicest Parts of the Landscape?

The flower garden!! Who doesn't enjoy looking at the vibrant colors of a flower garden? Economically, a cut-flower garden is so nice because any time you want flowers to enjoy inside your home, you don't have to go and buy them! Why not consider planting some perennials flowers to fill some of those pretty vases in the cupboard?!

Here is a list of flowers to grow and enjoy:

Globe Thistle
Ageratum
Allium
Zinnia
Delphinium
Dahlia

Gladiola
Echinacea
Peony
Black Eyed Susan
Coreopsis
Yarrow



Four Great Ideas to Make Your Landscape Special for Spring!

#1 Plant Just One Tree

Planting one tree isn't a huge effort. Plus, once the tree is established, it's about as low maintenance as a landscape can get — and the difference it can make to your yard lasts for decades. Choose a tree that adds interest to your landscape in the form of color, shape, and texture.

#2 Add a Colorful Punch with Mulch

Mulch is one of the easiest ways to add both color and texture to the entire yard. Next to a green lawn, coffee bean-colored mulch is a great contrast. There's a multitude of mulch colors that can spice up your bland landscape. Brown, black, gold, cedar-toned — you choose.

#3 Add Some Edging

Look along your walkways and garden beds. If your lawn just seems to morph into your shrubbery or threatens to take over your front walk, some unique edging could perk up your yard. No pruning, cutting, or watering required.



#4 Create a Focal Point That's All About You

Your own passions and pleasures are great inspiration to add color and texture to your spring landscape. Try creating a focal point with something that brings back a happy memory, like your old toy truck, tricycle or wagon. Turn it into a colorful planter.

Or opt for hard non-gardening materials to contrast with the softness and monotony of nature's green. Make a table using an oversized flower pot or lobster trap filled with something that represents your passion — golf balls, sea shells — and cover the container with a wood or glass top. These can be fun to talk about and give a unique personality to your yard.

Your yard is a reflection of you. You're not one-dimensional. Your yard shouldn't be either.

Source: www.houselogic.com

“The earth laughs in flowers.” Ralph Waldo Emerson
“A flower blossoms for its own joy” – Oscar Wilde



Gas Prices and What it Means to us!



We sure have equipment costs to run a landscape business! This year we made a few major purchases to get a new dump truck and a mower! The crews are excited to use this new equipment! The old dump truck was over 18 years old and a mower isn't efficient once it's hit 2000 hours of service.

Another one of our larger expenses is gasoline! Most of our equipment runs on gas, so when the prices go up, it makes a big difference. With this in mind, we ask that if you want a change in your mowing schedule to *give us at least a 48 hour notice*. When we've driven to your house and unloaded the equipment, we already have expense involved, not only the gas to drive to you, but in



employee time as well. You can always leave a message on the phone or send us an email if we aren't available – the sooner the better. As Benjamin Franklin said, "Time is money." We sure don't want to waste either!

Be Prepared to Avoid Ants!

When the weather begins to improve, often times we see ants coming indoors. To avoid this, you don't need dangerous chemicals. Take some safe precautions by using vinegar to either kill them or just deter them. Fill a bottle with a half vinegar and half water solution and spray directly on the ants to kill them, or just spray around walkways, the walls of your flower beds, your home foundation and on ant hills to keep them out of the garden.



Source – www.hgtv.com

Floral Dictionary

Yes, there is such a thing as speaking "with" flowers. We don't actually talk to the flowers, although they might like it! Our idea of flower language is with the special meaning of the flowers that you share. If you want to gift someone a plant of flowers for a lasting sentiment, take note of the flowers' meanings. Of course, if you're giving a cut bouquet to someone special, the message is the same. Here's what the flowers are saying!

Daisy – Represents playfulness and happiness.

Blue Iris – Trust, wisdom, hope and faith

Carnation – Linked to affection, especially the dark pink

Tulip – Symbolizes happy years

Blue Salvia – Stands for healing and thoughtfulness spiked with wisdom

Dahlia – Dignity, confidence and strength. A bouquet says gratitude.

Anemone – Anticipation and optimism

Gladiolus – Represents strong character and splendid beauty

Alstroemeria – Friendship and devotion.

Source: *Better Homes and Gardens*, February 2021



Shrub of the Year 2021 - Pugster Blue Buddleia!



If you have ever grown a butterfly bush, you already know how this plant got its name. Monarch, Viceroy and Eastern Swallowtail butterflies are frequent visitors, not to mention pollinating bees and hummingbirds. Beyond this obvious benefit, you may not realize this is one of the longest blooming shrubs you will find flowering non-stop for months on end. Though the plant itself is dwarf, its flower panicles are just as large and flashy as full-sized butterfly bushes, which means you'll have all the flower power in a petite package that fits just about everywhere. Let us know if you'd like one for your garden!