



Did You Know...

1. Landscaping can add up to 20 percent to a home's value, increasing property values.
2. Landscaping can have a recovery value of 100 to 200 percent when you sell your home.
3. Landscaping can reduce air conditioning costs by up to 50 percent.
4. Plants control runoff, slowing erosion and allowing water to be absorbed by the soil and the aquifers.
5. Landscaping can reduce noise by up to 50 percent.
6. A tree removes carbon dioxide from the air and releases enough oxygen for a family of four to breath for a day.
7. An acre of trees can remove 13 tons of dust and potentially harmful gases from the environment each year.
8. Plants save water by providing energy-efficiency that cuts back on electricity needs and allows electric power plants to use less water
9. A single tree can provide up to \$300 a year in air conditioning, pollution reduction, erosion and storm-water control, and wildlife shelter benefits.
10. Plants provide essential habitat for wildlife.
11. Pruning trees at the wrong time of year can kill your tree or shrub, or drastically reduce any future growth.
12. Plants can tell you what nutrients they are missing by the color of their leaves.
13. If pesticides are not applied at the right time during the growth cycle of the pest you will do more harm than good, the least of which is wasting your money.
14. The two best defenders against disease in your garden is garlic and chives.
15. More plants die from over watering than under watering.
16. If you leave footprints when walking across your lawn it is time to water.
17. If you choose a low water use plant for year-round landscape color you can save up to 100 gallons of water each year.
18. If you use a layer of organic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation and you can save hundreds of gallons of water each year.
19. You should apply the minimum amount of fertilizer needed, although fertilizers promote plant growth, they also increase water consumption.
20. Grass mowed at 3 to 4 inches maintains a deeper root system than grass mowed at one inch.
21. It is important to weed your lawn and garden regularly because weeds compete with other plants for nutrients, light, and water.
22. It is important to aerate your lawn a minimum of once a year.
23. Most established lawns/gardens do not need water more than twice a week.
24. It is best to water in the morning when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.
25. Landscaping is the only home improvement that increases in value as it matures.