



Give Your House Some Trees

After buying a new home, most people immediately start to think about personal decorating touches to add. When considering these personal touches, don't think only about the interior of the house.

The landscaping around your home will also be very important. The planting of trees can affect everything from your heating and cooling bills to your resale value. Trees can produce shade, food, firewood, or just a beautiful and calming area to enjoy. They can also attract birds and other wildlife.

You should try to choose tree and plant species that are native to your area and will thrive under the specific conditions of your property. For instance, in areas with high temperatures and little water, plant native trees that are drought tolerant. In areas with high rainfall, try to plant native trees that can accommodate large amounts of moisture. Consult a local nursery for suggestions on trees that will thrive where you live.

Location on your property is another important consideration. Choose spots with adequate sunlight and water, and make sure the trees are protected from possible pests. A mesh fence can do much to prevent dogs and other animals from injuring your saplings. Try to estimate how long the tree will take to become fully grown and what the tree will look like at full size.

Trees are most vulnerable in their first years of life and should be treated with special care. Newly planted trees should be watered deeply and on a regular basis. Allowing a hose drip at the base of a tree for several hours will permit the water to soak deep into the soil and encourage deep rooting. This will give the tree a better chance of surviving drought.

Many personal decisions go into tree planting. Some trees are better than others for providing a buffer against noise and unwanted views. In areas with hot summers and cold winters it is best to plant deciduous trees. When deciduous planting trees, consider how they will affect the solar energy entering your home when they are fully grown. These trees will provide shade in the summer but will allow desired sunlight to pass through in the colder months, allowing you to save on your heating and cooling bills throughout the year.

Planting trees is good for the environment and can benefit you personally. So go out and plant some trees.