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Great Landscaping Ideas to Enhance the Beauty of Your Garden

Creating a home garden is a wonderful way to enjoy the great outdoors, and it is also a great way to enhance the beauty of your entire landscape. Nothing sets off a well kept home quite like a garden full of colorful flowers, and home sellers have long recognized the importance of landscaping when it comes to increasing the desirability and value of a home.

The relationship between the garden and the landscape works both ways, however, and the landscape can in fact be used to enhance the beauty of the garden it surrounds. The right landscaping can make a beautiful garden look spectacular, just as it can make an ordinary garden stand out from the crowd.

One great way to have your landscape enhance the look of your garden is to use the compound wall of the land to define the boundaries of the garden. Planting on the inside surface of the boundary wall will help to add spice to the garden, as well as bringing added color to the landscape.

Sculptures used in the landscape

can enhance the beauty of the garden as well. Garden statuary naturally attracts the eye, Adding a few replicas of great statues, or even your own work, to the landscape will provide a great focal point and draw the visitor's eye toward your great garden.

Fountains and other water elements can enhance the landscape and the garden as well. Adding a fountain, waterfall or pond to the landscape can provide the perfect framing for the garden, and adding special mood lighting can further enhance the elegance and charm of the exterior.

Lighting is of course an important consideration when it comes to landscaping, and the right lighting can enhance your garden as well. Using special lighting fixtures, such as Japanese stone lanterns or Tiki torches, can provide much needed light for after dark enjoyment of the garden, while at the same time creating focal points to further enhance the beauty of the plants and flowers. Lighting also creates interesting shadows, which can further enhance the drama and the beauty of the garden.

Many landscapers and architects have attempted to create a seamless transition from the interior to the exterior of the home. One great way to create that seamless transition is to place a pond or other water element right at the edge of the home, allowing the water to flow languidly toward the building.

This kind of water element can be particularly striking when used in conjunction with a multi-leveled garden. Adding levels to the garden will enhance the beauty and drama of the landscape, while naturally drawing the eye of the visitor toward the spectacular plants and flowers.

Patios can also be used to enhance the look of the garden landscape. Patios are wonderful places to relax and unwind, and creating a private patio is a great way for the homeowner to increase the usefulness of the home. Such a private patio can also provide yet another seamless transition between interior and exterior living space.

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