

GUIDE TO BUILDING THE ULTIMATE BACKYARD OASIS



Warmer weather has us inspired to start thinking about how we'll spend our summer - outside, of course! We've been touring hundreds of homes with our clients across the Collingwood area and have a list of the top 12 trends we're seeing this year.

#1: WALKWAYS

A classic weaving path around your home, yard, and flowerbeds may transform a basic cookie-cutter home into something magical. The best part is that you can work with a variety of materials and budgets. Standard options for homeowners who want to create a pathway include wood, gravel, pebbles, stone, and cement. Do you want to be even more inventive? Colourful flowers bordering the walkway add a splash of colour and creativity.

#2: ADD DEPTH WITH PLANTERS AND BASKETS

The use of planters and hanging baskets can take your gardening to a whole new level. Since drainage and aeration are enhanced when the earth is raised, the visual benefits are gained with less effort. If your goal is to create an eye-catching oasis in your garden, starting with height is a great idea.

#3: GROWING BEDS

Flower beds, also known as growing beds, provide a personal touch to your environment, transforming it from lush greenery to a work of art in your own backyard.

Colour, flower type, and spacing are all ways to convey your originality and flair. Modern gardens tend to focus on one or two types of flowers, but English garden designs thrive on a variety of plants and colour palettes.

#4: EDIBLE GARDEN LANDSCAPING

It might be frustrating to be in the middle of cooking and discover you forgot to pick up some fresh herbs. Wouldn't it be wonderful if it was only a few steps away? Edible gardens are a smart, sustainable, and easy addition to any landscaping project since they allow you to use the freshest foods.

#5: WATER FEATURES

Water features and fountains come in many shapes and sizes, from monumental works of art to simple, understated structures that integrate seamlessly into their environment. A massive stone statue in the middle of your yard isn't your only option. Examples of water features include a birdbath, pond, pool, or a small fountain. You can relax and unwind in your own backyard by listening to the sound of running water.

#6: LIGHTING

Not only do lights contribute to the visual appeal of your place, but they also add to the safety factor by improving your space at night. Your surroundings will be transformed, twinkling under the stars. You can get creative by wrapping string lights over your trees, lining your flower beds with rope lights, or running them from the home to other trees throughout the yard.

#7: ADD FRESH MULCH

Replacing the mulch around your shrubs and flower beds is an easy and low-cost way to improve the look of your home's garden. Mulch is essential for keeping weeds at bay while also preserving moisture. On the other hand, too much mulch may have the opposite effect. Mulch that has faded and becomes old loses its wow factor, so replace it as needed to keep your curb appeal.

#8: BE ADVENTUROUS WITH COLOUR

A lush, green, spotless lawn might be appealing. However, if that is all your landscape has to offer, it can look dull. Brightly coloured flowers will transform the appearance of your garden environment. You may add extra diversity to your decor by painting your pots or refinishing your furniture. Your doorway or patio is a terrific location to start with colour.

#9: ADD AN OUTDOOR FIRE PIT

An outdoor fire pit is a perfect gathering place for friends and family, whether you're a campfire singer, marshmallow roaster, or just like to hang out by the warm embers. You don't have to go all out this year to take advantage of one. With cinder or concrete blocks, you could make a DIY fire pit.

#10: GET CREATIVE WITH SEATING

Your landscape should be attractive, but it should also serve a practical purpose. Where will you all enjoy your carefully manicured yard? For décor, you can use picnic benches, wicker seats, hammocks, metal chairs, and more. Just be sure to include some comfortable alternatives along the way!

#11: HAVE FUN WITH FOLIAGE

Plants can be carefully put in your garden to make your yard look larger. Tropical plants with big leaves add greenery to a small area without taking up too much space. Climbing plants can also be used to add some creativity to your fences.

#12: GARDEN SHED IDEAS

Is the garden shed on your home's property looking a little worse for wear? Consider making it a summer project this year, or cover the exterior with plants to disguise the imperfections of the structure. Do not be shy of demolishing it if you have more ambitious ideas to replace it with a pool or garden area.

When you're looking at the broad view, your gardening landscape might be intimidating. Over the spring and summer months, take on one modest activity at a time to create your own backyard oasis.

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