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A Welcoming Entry

Entryways at your commercial property or residential home serve an important purpose in the landscape. Ideally, they invite visitors in, but they also add value to your property. If your entryway is less than welcoming, follow a few of these ideas to spruce up the welcome appeal.

RESIDENTIAL HOMES:

- Repaint or refinish the front door, and consider adding a new knocker, doorknob, lock, hinges and/or doorbell
- Make sure your front porch is free of clutter such as excessive flowerpots, shoes, decorations, etc.
- Decorate your porch with container or hanging plants. Don't overdo it! Two, nicely planted, large flowerpots are better than many small pots.
- Include planting beds on either side of your front entryway to draw visitors in and improve the view from the street. This (easy to do on a Saturday) area should have some color from annuals

and perennials. There is a wide variety of plant material in all different shapes and colors.

- Finally, make sure your entryway is well-lit at night. Nothing turns visitors away faster than a dark home!

COMMERCIAL SITES:

- Make sure entry gates are fresh with paint and in good working order. Don't turn away guests with improper gate openings or rusty gate finishes.
- Pressure wash entry signs, curbs, columns, etc. to remove algae or mildew. This will help add a clean, fresh appearance to your property.
- Keep the entry plantings pruned with a neat, well-kept appearance. Skirt trees up to open the views and prune plants so they do not cover the entrance signs.
- Include color in the landscape. Have a nice green pallet of plant material in the backdrop of your plant bed or container that sets off the color display of annuals or perennials in the front. The color displays should attract the eye and invite people in. Seasons and/or temperatures usually dictate the choice of plant material so don't forget to change out annuals when needed.
- Like the residential home, no commercial site should be without a well-lit entrance at night. Light up the gates, columns and the landscape. Allow your property to be the best in your area!



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Chrysanthemums

Take a minute to learn about Chrysanthemums before you purchase some this fall. Knowing how to care for these beautiful plants can prolong your fall display up to Thanksgiving!

- When choosing a Chrysanthemum (“Mum”), choose a plant where the buds are closed or just about to open which will maximize bloom time.
- Repot your Chrysanthemum. This gives roots the nourishment they need to keep pushing out new buds.
- To get continual blooms you will need to dead-head and water the plant keeping the soil moist not wet.
- Wait until the temperature drops (daytime temps of 70-75°) to place Chrysanthemums outside. They will last for weeks inside if kept in a sunny area, watered when dry and dead-headed.
- Chrysanthemums will thrive in an area that gets at least 6 hrs. per day of sunlight.
- Potted mums can be separated into 2 categories, *florist* and *hardy*. Mums sold as potted plants or gift plants in the spring are generally florist mums. Hardy mums, also known as garden mums, are generally seen in the fall and they come in a variety of colors and bloom forms.
- Hardy mums will survive the winter if planted in the ground and cut to the ground once blooming has stopped in the Fall
- Hardy mums will deliver the most beautiful colors the second year if transplanted into the ground the first year.
- Chrysanthemums come in different flower shapes (decorative, pompom, single/daisy) and types (anemone, semi-double, single quilled), so be adventurous and choose a mixture of Chrysanthemums for a gorgeous fall display.

Ornamental Grasses

Ornamental grasses look good almost any time of year, but during the fall season grasses seem to flush out their best color. Many grasses bloom in August, but seed heads stay and their changing colors of reds, golds, oranges, purples and blues can be more striking than the flowers.

Ornamental grasses have become more popular as landscaping returns to a more natural look. It’s no wonder. They’re beautiful and easy, too. Grasses are great in planting beds as a background for fall perennials like asters, mums, coneflower, and sedums. Grasses are superb for hiding fading foliage and for protecting bulbs from colder weather. Grasses also work well in those “trouble” areas of your property

- In wet areas, try Sweet Flag grass, Canada Bluejoint, Sedge grasses, Blue Arrow Rush, Ribbon grass, Sugarcane, Plumegrass, or Cord grasses.
- For your very dry areas, try Mexican Feather grass, Red Rooster Grass, Gold Fountains, Blue Zingers, Weeping Brown Sedge, Prairie Dropseed, or Savannah.

Here are a few of the best looking grasses in fall for zones 8-9:

- Miscanthus grass
- Fountain grass
- Feather Reed grass
- Lemon grass
- Northern Sea Oats

Many ornamental grasses carry their beauty into winter as they turn beige, tan or brown with shapes that continue to give interest. Try a few in your planting beds and see for yourself how attractive they are as well as what little time you will spend caring for them.





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