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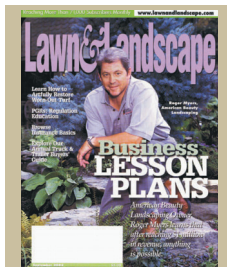
Do You Need a Facelift? Of Your Landscaping – That Is!

Garden paths can be an interesting intriguing way to get from point A to point B. That means – a straight line is out!

How is your walkway to your front door? Chances are it is “poker straight”, 3 feet wide and made of concrete! Though it is not a garden path, it still can be intriguing, and inviting. Properly designed a concrete walk can be just as good looking as brick or stone. Think about the overall effect you want to achieve before you pick out a paving material. Brick is often formal and elegant, while stone (flagstone) can be either formal or cottage casual, depending on how its cut and laid. You can also mix materials using brick and stone or brick with concrete. However – there’s a brick paver out there for everyone!



Most importantly is the size and shape of your front walk. We recommend at least 42” in width, and on larger estates, up to six foot path is very appropriate. A couple should be able to walk side by side down a walkway without stepping on the lawn. The walkway can flow in a curving fashion creating intrigue and beauty. Even the width



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may vary through the curves. Plants should be located at the inside of the curves. This entices people to see what’s around the bend!

Garden Paths are built for fun and for beauty. Any material goes – it’s up to your imagination. The materials you choose and the shape and direction of the path make it a lovely addition to your garden.

Unlike your front entrance, a narrow, curving path is a good choice. It causes people to take their time as they stroll through. You may be tempted to “stop and smell the roses”! But be careful not to plant anything too big or too thorny close to the path. It is here that you may showcase mossy rocks, small ornaments, or garden sculptures, or perhaps a collection of unusual succulents.

The best garden designs occur when you think “outside the box”. Why not consider a grass, gravel, or wood pathway? They’re just as functional and just as pleasant to look at.

Notice our garden path (see ad) as it meanders between soft hues of impatiens and ferns. The paver walkway is framed in barnstone, and meanders to a garden pedestal where it circles around both sides. This pleasant retreat was created in a space only 16’ wide and 40’ long!

Need help with creativity? Our designers will be glad to assist you! See you next month down the garden path!

Good luck, and good planting.

Enthusiastically,
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