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Does landscaping really add value to a home? In fact, say most experts, good landscaping can boost property values as much as 10 per cent. And today, with many prospective buyers deciding to view properties based on their on-line curb appeal, landscaping is becoming an important sales factor.

If your lot is bare, plant trees to anchor the landscaping, then fill in with shrubs and perennial plants and flowers. Then decide where you want to plant some annual flowers. Trees and shrubs require years to mature and should always be

planted first. Landscaping adds the most value when it is appealing, fits with your home's architecture and blends with the neighbourhood. If you have an established landscape, but it is untidy or unattractive, look at it closely and make a plan before you start moving anything around. Trees and large bushes are often a significant investment, and they are difficult to move.

You may decide to consult a landscape centre to assist in the design. Contrary to popular belief, hiring a landscape designer may actually save you money

in the long run. The selection process can be intimidating at best, not to mention costly especially if you select solely on appearance. You need to pay particular attention to soil, sun and temperature.

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