



10 Gardening Tips That Can Improve the Value of Your Home

When improving your home with a future sale in mind, the garden is often the last thing considered. However, the first impression from the street, such as the way your garden frames your house, can make the difference in whether a potential buyer wants to see inside. And how the garden looks when seen from inside the house can have a big impact on the desirability of your property, especially if like most people you do not have a bay view.



1. Notice the view of the garden from each room in your house and see if it can be improved through trimming or planting.

2. Create privacy from the street and neighbors with strategically placed hedges, trees, shrubs and vines. Plant or maintain attractive street trees.

3. Choose plants that thrive in our Bay Area climate. Consider using drought tolerant varieties.

4. Create a seating area in your garden. Benches, tables and chairs invite lingering outdoors and are especially nice to look out upon from indoors.



5. Use curving pathways and separate areas, if practical, to create a sense of space and garden “rooms.”

6. Many folks want a patch of grass, even if small, for kids or pets to play or roam around in.



7. Plant attractive flowering plants by the front porch and entry. Condos and Townhomes can also benefit from pots of plants on the porch or balcony. Use different pot sizes for dramatic effect.

8. Keep weeds under control with mulch, but avoid the large redwood chips and “gorilla fur” mulch. Mulch should not draw attention to itself.

9. Plant a vegetable or herb garden. Home vegetable gardening is currently growing in popularity.



10. If you have a sunny area, plant a dwarf Meyer lemon tree. They bear fruit for many months out of the year and are very popular in the Bay Area. And potential buyers from out of state love that we can grow lemons here.



Every property is different, especially in our local communities. To discuss your individual circumstances or if you have any questions, please contact me.