



Home Beautifying and Landscape Suggestions



Walks and Drives

In order that the lawn may have an appearance of vastness and large area, avoid cutting through the center, thus dividing it into two parts. Neither should it extend to the extreme end of the lot. This has a tendency to make it look narrower. There should always be a strip of grass beyond the walk or drive. This gives the grounds an appearance of width. When these fundamental principles are well observed, there is little chance for error in the layout of these most important factors in the home landscape development.

Contour

In determining what the contour or grade elevations or depressions should be around and adjacent to the home, there is one thing of importance to remember, viz: As great an area as possible should be flat. This is necessary, in order that rain and artificial moisture may have time to soak into the soil and not be wasted by running off into gutters and sewers. If a vigorous, healthy looking planting is desired around the foundation of the house itself, it is necessary that a flat, level area be developed and extended a little further than the space occupied by the plants, in order that water will soak in and around the roots of the plantings and not run away.

Border plantings, to be developed to their greatest advantage, should also be as flat and level as possible. This is especially true where Evergreens and the perennial border are to be developed. Such shrubs as the Hardy Hydrangea require a flat moist soil.

It is a common error to have the walk leading from the street to the house too narrow. Width spells substantialness in the construction of walks. A substantial walk spells a substantial home throughout. Therefore it is one of the predominating features of the exterior home development.

They may be developed either curved or straight, depending upon their convenience to the most natural traveled direction. Naturally a person will cut corners if the walk tends to lead away, rather than to the prevailing direction of travel.

The drive accompanying this article, has proven very substantial and satisfactory. It was constructed in the following manner: First a trench was dug on either side, sixteen inches

deep; then a post hole at intervals of five feet to a depth of three feet. These post holes were filled with concrete to within eight inches of the surface, then in between the posts eight inches of cinders were placed, then a reinforced concrete ribbon or curb was built above the cinders and on the tops of the posts. The posts were below frost line, which insured against heaving or settling, and the cinders placed between the posts to take up the expansion and contraction of frost below the curb. The drive has now been in place for several years and has never shown the slightest tendency to heave or settle.

In between these curbs are placed any kind of sub-surface or surface material desired, usually crushed stone screenings, or granite chips.

In order that your lawn have the best appearance, it should be graded twice, first the sub-grade and after the top grade. The sub-grade should

be within one inch of perfect. When applying the top grade of surface soil, it should be evenly distributed over the sub-grade, so that the strata of this soil will be exactly uniform with that of the sub-grade. This insures an even lawn in growth and vigor.

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CHOICE & LARGE SHRUBS

Lilac Villosa, pink, 3-4 ft.
Weigela Resea, 3-4 ft.
Weigela Eva Rathke, 2-3 ft.
Philadelphus Virginal, 2-3 ft.
Honeysuckle, 3-4 ft.
Persian Lilac, 2-3 ft.
Yellow Dogwood, 2-3 ft.
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