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Adequate Home Insulation Brings Ample Return

Probably number one improvement, vitally affecting both comfort and economy, is the home's insulation efficiency. Research has demonstrated thoroughly the problems inherent in poorly insulated

homes as being critical in physical discomfort — drafts, and uneven room heat distribution in winter; in summer, heat that is "absorbed" into the house rather than repelled.

Savings are a major factor to consider, as well. Heating costs can mount up to surprisingly higher fuel bills in winter, with corresponding extra expense for air-conditioning operation in summer, in inadequately insulated homes.

Technological advances have produced many types of wall-insulating materials, which may be applied to the home without formidable cost. In any case it's been amply demonstrated that resulting savings can exceed costs of the job in a short period of time.

As a starter, direct examination of wall space — particularly in attics, crawlways and other exposed walls — can give the owner some idea of his insulating problem, if any.

An even better indication of home insulation efficiency may be clues in terms of fuel and electric bills.

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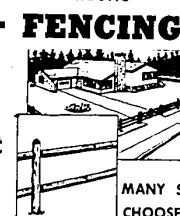
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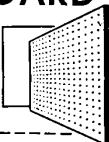


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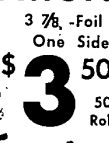
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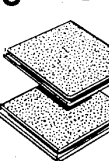
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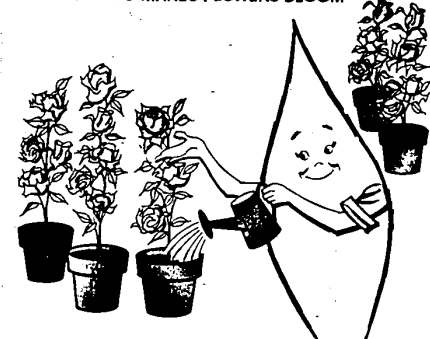
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Tips on Gardening

By Betty Frankel

What is Landscaping, and why bother to do it? The term is thought to have come into use in 1764 when an English poet, William Shenstone, described "landscip or picturesque gardening: which consists in pleasing the imagination by scenes of grandeur, beauty, or variety." We now use the term to mean the creation and preservation of beauty in the areas surrounding our homes and buildings and also the promotion of comfort and convenience.

As land values rise and land becomes a scarcer commodity, what is done with the land at your disposal becomes increasingly important. Landscaping can help you get the maximum

use and pleasure from your land. By planning for all the ways the land is to be used, and by arranging the areas in accordance with basic artistic principles of design, the area around your home can be both beautiful and utilitarian and have no wasted space. Easiest and most assured way of achieving good results is to employ a professional landscape architect. Often, in the long run, this is the most economical way. Professionals can create designs of distinction using plant material sparingly. Amateurs generally over-plant even when they are seeking to avoid this fault. However, the home gardener can do his own planning with happy results. Study other gardens in the area for good and bad features. Books will help, too. The library has a large collection of books on gardening, including many landscape planning.

LAND IS THE basic thing being worked with. The form and contours of the land have an influence that will always be felt. The trees and shrubs, the walks, driveways, walls and fences are the building blocks used for constructing the design. The flowers are decorative accents, as are any lawn furniture, fountains, or statues. These latter do not change the design, but merely embellish it. The first step is to decide how the yard is to be used. Make a list of all the activities that will take place there. This

is the basic "programming". Entertaining, lounging, cooking, and playing may be on the list. In gardening only if it is your hobby, and if it is not a real pleasure plan to keep flower beds to a minimum. Next make a rough plan locating the service areas such as driveways, and tot playground. Place these where they will be most convenient. All the remaining areas are available for other uses and can be treated in a variety of ways. The front lawn is generally an open area that serves as a setting for the house. It is a uniquely American custom to have the front yards of all the houses on a street flow together to make a continuous broad vista enjoyed by all residents and those who pass by. The front area should be treated conservatively. A certain amount of conformity is necessary for a harmonious general effect, but this does not have to be monotonous sameness.

BACK YARDS OFFER more scope for individuality. They are generally planned for privacy and seclusion. The second consideration is to plan so that the limited area of the yard seems greater. Plant to create an illusion of space. Plan the planting, too, to create a definite character or feeling for the yard.

Seclusion of the back yard can be obtained by using fences or walls. These or vine-covered screens are best used where space is very limited. Shrubs are best to use in most situations. They screen but have a softening effect.

A spacious feeling results if the boundary shrubs are arranged in broad sweeping curves that conceal corners and half-conceal parts of the lawn, revealing an irregularly shaped open lawn area in the center. Too many individual specimen plants and flower beds set in the lawn cut the apparent size. Straight rows that follow the boundary lines seem to cut size, too.

WITH THE POTENTIAL uses in mind, make a floor plan (or ground plan) on paper. It is best to do this to scale, but even a rough diagram is useful. It is so much easier to try different arrangements on paper than to shift plants or move patios in the garden.

Keep the design simple. It will be more effective. It can be either formal and geometric or informal and simulating nature. The latter is most often used for large suburban lots, while the former seems to work especially well in small city gardens. It is possible, too, to have a blending of the two with a geometric layout and soft, natural planting.

After the plan is completed, choose plants that fit the scheme. (Next Week's Topic: Making a Garden.)

Booklets, Building Plans Inspire "How To" Ideas

For the homeowner in search of ideas to spark a remodeling or redecorating project, there's help. Many firms offer booklets, and in some cases even building plans, designed to provide both ideas and assistance.

The following are some of the tips available, either free or at nominal cost. "Tips on Towels" is a booklet offered free of charge by Morgan-Jones, Inc., 104 West 40th Street, New York, N.Y. 10018. It gives homemakers hints on coordinating towels for decorative uses in the bathroom, kitchen and out-of-doors.

The many and correct uses of light in every room of the house are discussed in a brochure, "Lighting Ideas by Lightolier," available for 25 cents by writing to Lightolier, Jersey City, New Jersey 07305.

"Vacation Homes Plans & Products Guide" booklet is offered by the Simpson Timber Company, 2183 Washington Building, Seattle 1, Washington, for 50 cents in coin, check or money order.

The booklet contains plus the latest information on new building products and helpful hints to the buyer or builder. Blueprints of the original vacation homes created for this

publication by Architect Robert Martin Engelbrecht are available.

A series of plans for "Quick Build" weekend projects has been published by Filon Corporation. Each plan tells how much lumber, hardware and translucent fiberglass will be needed for the project, and includes detailed diagrams, pictures and step-by-step instructions.

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