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PLANNING THE LANDSCAPE

Careful planning is a must if you want a beautiful home landscape setting. The landscape plan needn't be elaborate, but it should be complete enough so you can visualize the areas which need landscaping and can list the shrubs you want to grow.

Planning services are available from landscape nurserymen. The charge for service may be either nominal or included with the purchase of shrubs and trees.

The public area in front of the house has three important elements: the lawn, which should be a broad, open expanse of grass; the foundation planting, which should be simple in design and easy to maintain; and the permanent trees, which serve to frame the house.

Always be careful to select plant material in overall proportion to the size of the house. Selection should also be based on hardiness. Buy from a reliable source and purchase quality materials.

The private area to the rear of the house usually includes the flower borders, the home garden, picnic area or outdoor living room and space for recreation. In this area the gardener has the opportunity to develop his own design. One caution: take care not to overplant so that you create a big maintenance problem. Gardening should be enjoyment, not drudgery.

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