



You don't have to spend all your green for better curb appeal. Beautiful landscapes may look expensive, but an eye-popping yard can be budget-friendly, too.

Recycle an old watering can, lay down free mulch, hang some string lights and you can create a charming, cozy yard at little to no cost. If you're crafty and good with tools, you'll whiz through cheap DIY projects.



Save with perennials

Plant perennials, which return with color every growing season. This saves you money and gardening time because you won't be buying and planting new annuals every year.

Examples of perennials include tulips, asters, hostas, daylilies, hydrangeas, lavender, and coneflowers. While perennials may have a higher initial cost than annuals, perennials will save you more green in the long run.

Mulch is just what you need to make your flower beds pop. It adds a textured ground cover to your flower beds and helps keep out those pesky weeds that keep stealing the show.

Mulch also helps lock in moisture, and organic mulches can add nutrients back into the soil to enhance plant health. This budget-friendly landscaping project will not only help your plants grow but also make your flowers a stunning attraction.



Cost: Free mulch — wood chips, grass clippings, leaves, compost, pine needles, and straw — can be found in your neighborhood. Or you could buy your mulch. Mulch for an average-sized garden (500 square feet) will cost around \$175 with most homeowners spending between \$100 and \$300. But for a cheap landscaping idea you can't beat free.

Plant flowers around your mailbox

When you're giving directions to your home, wouldn't it feel good to say, "Mine is the one with the pretty mailbox." No one will be able to miss your driveway when you surround your mailbox with a flower bed or a small trellis with self-climbers like hydrangeas or roses.



Repurpose items as planters

Red Wheelbarrow with Flowers

Repurpose that old barrel, tub, piano, or wheelbarrow into an eye-catching focal point full of plants. You'll get in A+ in recycling and likely have a one-of-a-kind creation in your front yard. Don't repurpose an old toilet into a planter, though. That's not going to get the kind of attention you want from friends, family, and neighbors.



Hang some window boxes



Are your front windows looking a little tired? Install window boxes to add instant charm and color to your front lawn while also covering up any wear and tear. Window boxes are simple, beautiful, and can be a great DIY landscaping project.

Window boxes also give you an exceptional view of your favorite flower right from inside.

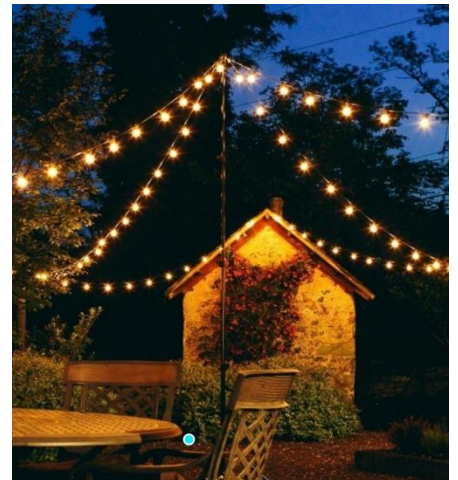
Landscape with lighting

String Lights

Outdoor string lights can transform your entire yard into an enchanted space after the sun goes down.

Never had dinner outside because it was always too dark. Well, hang luminescent string lights around your backyard dining area, and you'll have both a gorgeous evening landscape and a delicious meal.

Cost: Outdoor string lights may cost you between \$15 and \$50. Or head to a dollar store, outlet store like Big Lots or Ollie's, or even the seasonal aisle of your grocery store for cheaper prices on outdoor string lights.



Show off your landscape with outdoor dining

Sometimes all you need to make a budget-friendly landscape look its best is a dining area on the backyard patio. After all, it brings all your favorite people outside, and you can't put a price on that. So enjoy a great meal, share some laughs, and enjoy the view.

Repurpose old watering cans

Watering Can with Flowers



Before throwing away those old watering cans, save them for your landscape. They can make beautiful flowerpots and will give your lawn a cozy aesthetic. Fill them with flowers, then place them on your front porch steps or in the garden.

Happy planting, and we look forwards to seeing all the beautiful flowers in the community. Look for upcoming announcement for our Summer Yard Beautification contest in the community. Top prizes to the resident winners.