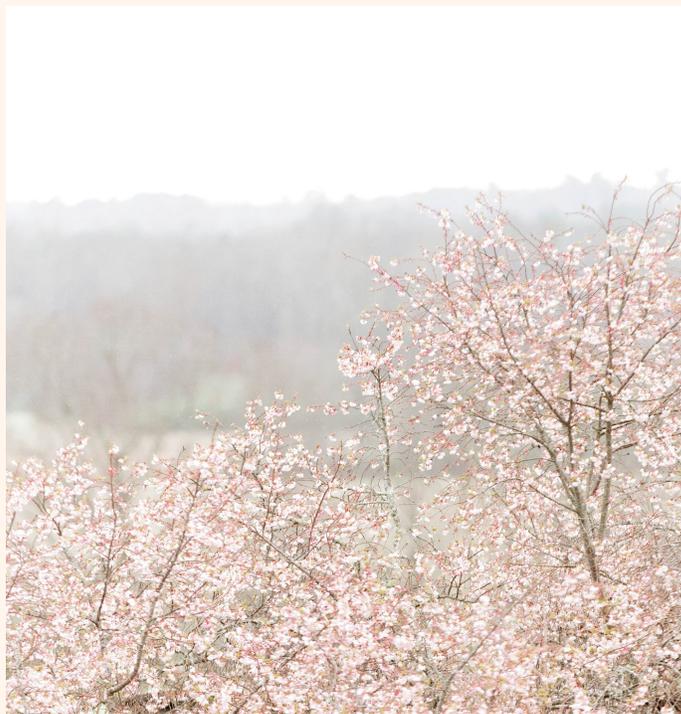


Planting Trees For A Big Financial Payoff



Did you know that planting trees in your yard can really increase the value of your home in the long run? It's true!

Full-grown, mature trees have a lot of benefits to homeowners. For example, they provide privacy, reduce heating and cooling costs, soften noise, attract wildlife, create curb appeal, and define outdoor living space.

If you're thinking of adding some greenery around your yard, think of it as a long-term investment, and consider the long-term goal.

You need to make some smart, informed decisions in the trees that you purchase, and you need to make sure you are prepared to take care of them for the long run.

Read on for the best tips and practices on this great home investment.

It's all about planting the right tree, at the right time, in the right place, and for the right reason.

First, think about what your goals are. Is it to add some shade or some color? Is it to cover a neighbor's unsightly fence? Do you want a nice place to add a bench for you to be able to sit and read? Are you planting it in an area that other plants need shade?

This will help you decide what type of tree will do best in the area you are considering. Just make sure it is a tree that is native to your area, so it will adapt much better over a long period of time.

Once you know what type of tree you want, purchase a young tree as a young tree from a reputable nursery. And ask questions about how to plant and care for it

When planting the tree be sure to choose the right spot. Think long term and consider the growth of your tree. Is it going to grow too big and hit power lines 10 years from now? Will the roots start growing under the house if placed too close?

When you find the right spot, dig a hole about 2-3 times bigger than the root ball. Make sure to plant the tree straight and use good, nutrient-rich soil. Once the tree is planted, be sure to take good care in pruning to help establish a healthy tree and a long, successful life.

And there you have it! You've just added lots of value to not only your home but your neighborhood as well! Healthy trees in your community provide better air and water quality, less stormwater runoff, more carbon storage, and higher overall property values. Plus trees are aesthetically appealing and good for our mental health.

Happy planting!



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