

When and Where to Plant Trees, Shrubbery On the Home Grounds

Every home should be tied to the earth by means of shrubbery, trees, flowers and grass. The house itself is only the background of the picture. To complete the painting and make the picture a real one, the proper planting of the ground is just as necessary as on a canvas.

A home cannot be beautiful unless the grounds are improved with trees, shrubbery, flowers and grass. It matters not how expensive and elaborately the house is built, other things are necessary in order to make it a beautiful place.

Those who plant trees and shrubbery and beautify their home grounds are public benefactors, because such beauty cannot be hid from the public, but is open and free for anyone to view as often as they may wish. For that reason, persons who plant trees and shrubbery, and chance the home from a bare unattractive place to one of beauty is in every sense of the word, a public benefactor.

Shrubbery Remakes Appearance of a Home

More and more of our people are realizing that the making of money is not the sole object in life. As important as it is there is no use of

one making it the sole object. Let it play its part, but don't let it crowd out all the other things of life, such as the grounds is something that all of us may have, whether rich or poor, or have small or large grounds, because it does not take a large amount of money for enough trees and shrubbery to remake the appearance of the home.

Every person who improves his home grounds with trees, shrubbery, flowers and grass influences others to do likewise. There is something about it that is catching. When a neighbor sees his friend remake the appearance of his home by properly planting the grounds, it automatically creates a desire on his part to improve his own grounds. It is like the snowball that is started down the hill, the farther it goes the bigger it gets. Therefore, let those who improve and plant the home grounds do the best job possible, not only for the sake of his own place but for the effect it will have on others doing this kind of work.

Plant Close to House Foundation

Shrubbery should be, as a general rule, planted up close to the foundation and around the two sides. By planting it next to the foundation it has the effect of tying the house to the grounds, giving the house the appearance of being a part of the picture, rather than something stuck

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on it. Never plant shrubbery in straight lines. Put it in masses or clumps and in irregular shapes. Try to approach nature's method of planting as nearly as possible. Straight lines of shrubbery cannot best serve the purpose of beautifying the grounds and therefore should never be planted in this way.

Neither should individual specimens of shrubbery be planted about the grounds. Remember that it should always be in masses. Neither should it be planted in the middle of the grounds, but up next to a foundation of the building, near the border of the walks and driveways and near trees. These general principles should be kept in mind in locating shrubbery on the home grounds, because one can make the place appear rather odd by improperly locating the shrubbery.

Leave Space in Front of House Open

As a general rule trees should not be planted directly in front of the house but to either side and in the rear. If the grounds are large, the trees should be planted in groups rather than single. Of course they should not be planted too close together, as sufficient room should be allowed for their complete development. Under no condition should the trees be planted in straight lines. This gives a stiff, unnatural effect that is not beautiful or pleasing to the eye.

The rose beds and flower beds have no place on the front lawn, leave this space open, in order that a good view may be had from the front of the house. Also the front of the yard should be largely free from trees and shrubbery so as to give the grass every chance possible for developing a smooth lawn. Roses should be part of the planting on every home place, but they should be either to the side or to the rear, and never in front. This is true of other flowers, such as carnations, rows of peonies, dahlias, etc. This is the general principle with reference to location of flowers that should always be kept in mind, because the appearance of the place can be very easily ruined by putting them in front.

Make a Start Now.

By keeping these simple rules in mind, one can easily draw up some plans for the planting of the home grounds that will be effective and pleasing. Expert advice along his line may be secured from the State Agricultural Colleges, Experiment Station and Nurserymen. Make the start now, by securing the advice needed and by drawing up the plans indicating where each tree, shrub, and flower bed will be located. Set them before spring opens up.

If the lawn has not already been made, break the ground, make it rich with stable manure and commercial fertilizer and rake it over until it is smooth and in a fine seed bed condition. Then place Bermuda grass roots which will give a good lawn during the summer. Next fall sow rye grass on top of the bermuda and this will give green grass during the winter.

Before planting shrubbery or trees the ground should be thoroughly broken and pulverized and enriched. This is especially important for the foundation plantings up next to the house. A good plan is to spade up 12 to 16 inches deep with a spading fork. When trees and shrubbery are set mulch with a heavy coating of stable manure. This will both supply plant food and conserve moisture.

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Mr. Homer Balliew who got his leg broken several weeks ago, is still confined to his room. Mr. Leonard Verner who recently had a spell of pneumonia is now convalescent.

Mr. W. H. Arbourn, who has been miller for the Rev. F. R. Carter for some two years, has made arrangements to move to Oscar Simonds farm. The Rev. Carter has failed to find any one to take his place yet.

Mr. and Mrs. James Verner of Wehatty, have been visiting relatives here for the last week. Mr. Verner is just recovering from a spell of pneumonia.

Mr. Martin Simonds is planning on making some definite improvements on his dwelling by adding a room to his dwelling house and building a garage. A part of the lumber is now on the grounds for making the improvements.

Some one started a forest fire on Thursday of last week that came near proving a very disastrous one. It had not been for some time work done by some women it would have burned up the home of Mr. Oscar Simonds with all of his out-buildings. We are trusting our Fire Warden will investigate and bring the offender to justice.

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Mr. Whoola Raper has gone into the mule business. Zeb Gibson has moved to A. W. Green's place.

Mr. R. V. Stiles recently of Gastonia, has been down with measles at his grandfathers, R. M. Stiles.

Boyd Wise swapped his talking machine to Mr. Whoola Raper for a milk cow.

Mr. Fred Beavers is doing some real farm work around his new home.

Mr. H. Voyles is in the cross-tie business now.

Mr. Floyd Stiles of Gastonia up in the early part of the week with relatives at Birch on his way to Etowah, Tenn.

Mr. G. W. Mashburn is the successful bidder on the mail route at this place.

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