



The Essentials of No-Maintenance Landscaping

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What sounds better to you: toiling away in the yard under the brutal summer sun, struggling to weed flower beds, mowing a yard full of half dead grass week after week, or enjoying a cool drink in the Texas heat on your patio, listening to the soft babble of the fountain in your rock garden?

Although yards that look impeccable often seem to require constant attention, the truth is that you can establish a low-to-no-maintenance yard that is equally impressive. A bit of focused attention in a couple of areas and some initial costs will set you up with a yard and garden that'll make you the envy of friends, family, and neighbors.



Garden & Yard Infrastructure

Proper infrastructure can dramatically change your yard care experience. When implemented appropriately and installed correctly, the following components can yield a no-maintenance yard that sets the new neighborhood standard!

Watering System

A complete sprinkler system can carry a heavy price tag and its construction take time and lots of digging. However, there are ways to implement the components of a professional sprinkler system that will really give you the edge in your garden and flower beds.

Soaker hoses and automatic timers will see to it that your vegetables and flowers receive daily watering at the most appropriate time of day. All you have to do is set it up once and forget about it. Ryno Lawn Care proudly offers Lawn Irrigation Services to several cities in the D/FW metroplex.

With all that free time, you can concentrate on your next low-maintenance project or have all the members of your garden club over for lunch on your patio, leaving them wondering where you find the time to tend to such meticulous yard components and host a party.

Weed Barriers & Ditching the Mulch

Weed barriers are essential in your flower beds and gardens. They allow you to plant in-ground or utilize potting plants, without having to work the soil or fight an infestation of weeds or intrusive grasses. As long as you're diligently picking the weeds as soon as they sprout, not letting them mature and produce seeds, your flower beds and garden produce strong, healthy plants year after year with nearly no effort.

While we're setting out weed barriers, let's go ahead and ditch the mulch and use some decorative or river rocks in your garden. No more back-breaking spreading and hauling in new mulch, no more dreading having to clear out your beds each year.

Consistent and labor-free beds for thriving plants are no longer going to take up so much of your time. Plan out the look you want, set it, and forget it!

Makeover Projects

Depending on your budget and how radical you want to get, a few makeover projects might be the change you need to make to go from yard slave to king or queen of your castle.

Artificial Turf

This is going to be the most intrusive and expensive option. Depending upon what product you want installed and the current condition of your yard, beneath the surface, landscapers might have to come and completely revamp your natural drainage or just install proper components. Pricing generally ranges from \$2-\$8/sq foot for the product and \$3-\$13/sq foot for the labor.

You'll have the benefit of a year-round, green, healthy looking lawn, free of any watering restrictions and no mowing whatsoever. All artificial turfs are safe and kid- and pet-friendly. If you do have pets, there are specific turfs that make cleaning up after them easy as turning on the hose for a couple of minutes.

The heavy initial cost of product and labor may seem daunting, but the benefits sure do make this a considerable option. Furthermore, if you decide you want to add some trees, flower beds, or a vegetable garden, the process of installing the artificial lawn gives you a yard that provides proper drainage for the other plant life to thrive.

Plant Choice

Plant choice is a big key in establishing a low-maintenance yard. Use the following as a guideline as you put the final touches on your little corner of Mother Nature. Then you can sit back and enjoy your outdoor experience and not spend the whole time laboring away in that hot Texas sun!

