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Guide 2020 Top 7 Landscaping Trends

Beauty, simplicity and nature



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Major trends that will shape this year

Landscaping trends for 2020 offer beauty and nature in all simplicity.

NATURE AND WELL-BEING, A MAJOR TREND

The return to nature is a reality throughout society and is increasingly desirable and valued. Nature is not only good for our mental health, but it also helps us to relax, refocus and reconnect with the essence of life.

Consequently, environmental protection is more than ever an essential element, which can easily integrate into your landscaping projects. An increasing number of people are now opting to create a vegetable garden in their backyard so they can grow their own food.

This return to the land is therefore part of various trends we will present in this guide.

OUTDOOR AREAS: TO ENJOY LIFE IN A DIFFERENT WAY

Outdoor areas are very popular and extend all the comfort of your home right into your backyard. A few chairs simply placed on a terrace is not enough: we're talking about real outdoor areas!

Living rooms with fireplaces, kitchens and covered dining areas are indeed gaining popularity in modern landscaping. They are intended to recreate daily living spaces, as well as making it possible for you to enjoy all the benefits of the surrounding nature.



SIMPLICITY

Landscaping in 2020 is all about durable, easy-care elements, both in terms of materials and plants, trees and shrubs. Decors are simple and uncluttered, pools are linear, and lighting, used mainly to illuminate and highlight walkways, paths and plants, tends towards warm colours.



Trend 1

Zen spaces

Zen spaces originate from oriental traditions, which combine Chinese Buddhism with Japanese Shintoism. These traditions believe that man and nature meet in a sense of uniqueness, which results in gardens and spaces that are harmonious, sensitive and conducive to relaxation.



CREATE A MEDITATION AND RELAXATION AREA

As part of your landscaping, you can recreate a Zen space in your landscape by installing a relaxation area where you can relax or meditate.

Simplicity and comfort are paramount. Install benches and chairs in the middle of the space, or provide an area where you can lie with a pillow to support your head. An important element worth considering in this decor is a natural stone waterfall or a beautifully decorated pool. Its subtle sound calls for relaxation, which is perfectly appropriate for the intended purpose.

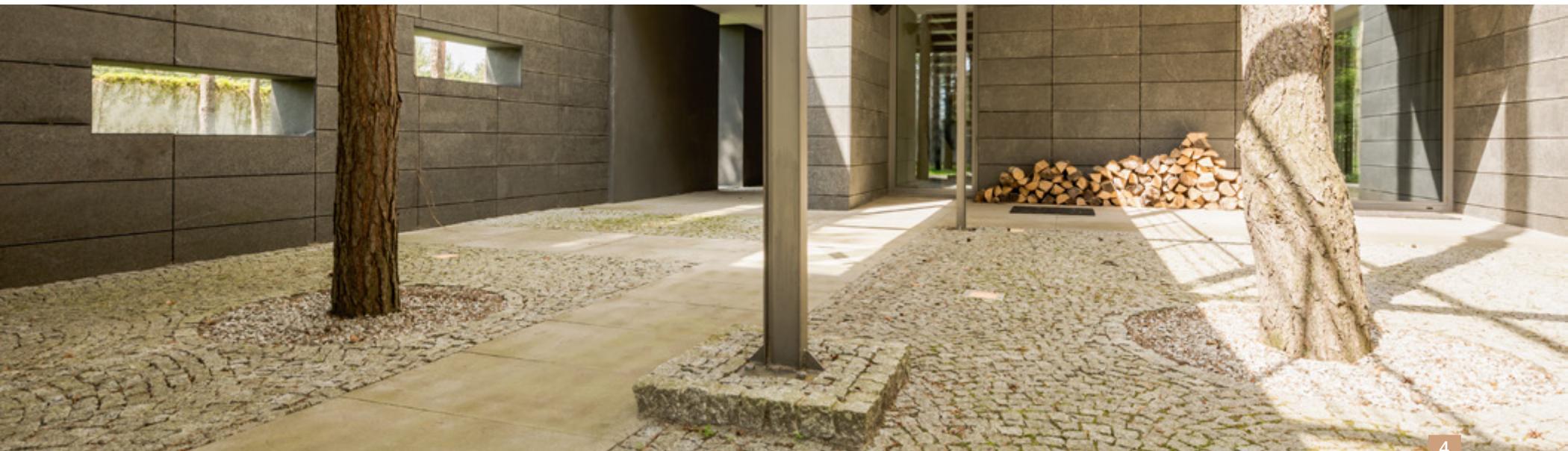
Trend 2

Symbiosis of nature and design

In the same sense as the Zen trend, this is about harmony and uniqueness. Symbiosis between nature and design is about making the most of natural elements on your property and integrating them into your decor.

USE TREES

Regardless of their size, maturity or age, trees can be true cornerstones of your landscaping. Instead of cutting them down or transplanting them elsewhere, why not build your wooden patio or natural stone deck all around? In addition to creating an original effect, this will contribute to creating an amazing effect with nature.





USE STONES AND ROCKS

No need to worry about moving the huge rocks around your property. Simply build your wooden patio all around, as you would do using trees.

KEEP PLANTS CLIMBING

Green walls are popular! Either on a trellis-covered wall of your house or on a screen designed for this purpose, letting plants bloom and climb on elements of your decor is a great way to create a fusion with nature. However, be careful to control the growth of your vegetation to prevent it from damaging your house.



INTEGRATE WATER

Water is natural and precious and can be perfectly integrated in all environments.

If you have a pond on your property, why not take advantage of it and install a floating patio or a footbridge?

If your land is naturally crossed by a waterway, such as a small stream, you can integrate a natural waterway through your paved slabs or your stone terrace.

Lastly, you can always add water to your decor by creating a fake spring, which will allow you to create spectacular landscaping.



Trend 3

Contemporary Pool and Spa

The popularity of pools and spas over the years has been undeniable. However, the new trends are towards more elegant models with cleaner lines!

BUILT-IN SPA

Going beyond the traditional whirlpool, easily recognizable by its wide and imposing shape, the 2020 trend is the built-in spa!

The built-in spa is more subtle and better integrated into its environment. It's embedded into the material of your patio or deck. This gives it a much more aesthetic appearance, as well as being more practical.



LINEAR POOL

You will find this spirit of purity of form and simplicity in the choice of your pool! It's the most popular linear pool for this year. With its sleek look and well-defined lines, it brings a resolutely modern look to any backyard.



INFINITE POOL

Whether it's square, round or rectangular, the infinite pool keeps impressing with its crystalline water that blurs the boundaries between the sky and the horizon. It can be well integrated into your decor, allowing you to make the most of the surrounding landscape while refreshing on hot summer days.





Trend 4

Plants: Easy to maintain, useful and resistant

When thinking about landscaping, vegetation and plants come immediately to mind, no matter what style is desired. Greenery brings your decor to life and beautifies it in so many ways.

In 2020, there is a trend towards easy-care plants that are both hardy and useful.



SUCCULENT PLANTS

Succulent plants are fleshy plants that can store water, allowing them to survive in drier climates. They can bring a breath of fresh air to your landscaping, without requiring rigorous maintenance. They are not water demanding; they even require a drained and moisture-free soil, which is essential to ensure that they thrive beautifully from one season to the next.



EDIBLE PLANTS

Edible plants are not always restricted to the garden, but can easily be integrated into your landscaping whether in your flowerbeds or your decorative solid pots.

From herbs such as thyme or rosemary to edible flowers such as calendula or edible leafy plants such as radicchio or kale, it can be interesting to sprinkle them into your decor. Vivid colours and good smells guaranteed!



PLANTS THAT CAN SURVIVE THE HARSH WINTERS

Quebec winters are unpredictable and often very cold, so it may be wise to choose hardy plants that will easily survive them. You have several alternatives that are as beautiful and resistant as they are hardy: certain varieties of perennial chrysanthemums, asters, fall sedum...



ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

These tall grasses, with their slim shape and flowers massaged into fluffy spikes, are becoming increasingly popular. Landscaping priorities are usually given to varieties that grow in clumps, as they are much less invasive and easier to control. Miscanthus is one of the most widespread species, but it's far from being the only one you can use in your decor!



QUEBEC'S NATIVE PLANTS

Why not include several native Quebec plants in your landscaping project to respect nature and the environment of your property? There's a wide variety of them (perennials, grasses, shrubs or climbers) that can easily be grown at home. A great way to protect and promote local flora!



THE GARDEN

Gone are the days of exclusive aesthetic plants! Now is the time for beautiful and useful plants. Growing a vegetable garden at home is a good way to exploit this trend! Besides, you don't need to be an incredible gardener to grow a few vegetables and herbs in your backyard; just opt for great classics that are easy to grow, such as tomatoes, carrots, cucumbers and herbs, for example.

Trend 5

Outdoor Rooms

As mentioned earlier, the trend is for outdoor rooms, which serve as extensions of your house and let you enjoy being outdoors as well!

OUTDOOR KITCHEN

To get the most out of combining nature and cooking, opt for a complete kitchen space that will let you do everything outdoors. Plan for good countertops and solid storage space, as well as weather-resistant appliances.

For those with existing kitchen space, consider moving the dining area away from the house to add a little freshness to it. Doing so will create an «Al Fresco» dining atmosphere, such as open-air meals that are as festive as they are relaxed.



OUTDOOR LIVING ROOM OR GAME ROOM

You can continue to enjoy your home after meal times! A very popular and favourite room is the outdoor living room. It's a covered area, but usually without walls, where you can take advantage of the view and natural ventilation. Sofas, chairs and beds are ideal for relaxing.

Do you have children? Consider using part of this space as a playroom so the whole family can enjoy it. You can also have a play module nearby, to give the kids the chance to burn off their energy while you enjoy it!



FIREPLACE

Another essential and coveted element in most outdoor decor projects is the fireplace area. Two types of fireplaces are available: wood and gas fireplaces.

A wood fireplace is an authentic experience that requires gathering wood, storing it, lighting the fire yourself and managing its consumption. The smell and the warmth are very pleasant!

Gas fireplaces can be presented as a regular fire, or as a fire table. It's ideal for quick and almost immediate use, with no worries and no constraints.

Whatever your budget can afford, why not get both?



Trend 6

Lighting, for beautiful evening atmospheres

Choosing the right lighting is a must to benefit from your outdoor spaces at any time of the day or night! It's essential to create intimate and warm atmospheres.

WALL LIGHTING

Wall lighting can take many forms, both simple and effective. Lamps can be placed directly on the walls of your home, bulbs attached to low walls, or light sources that project their brightness onto the walls.





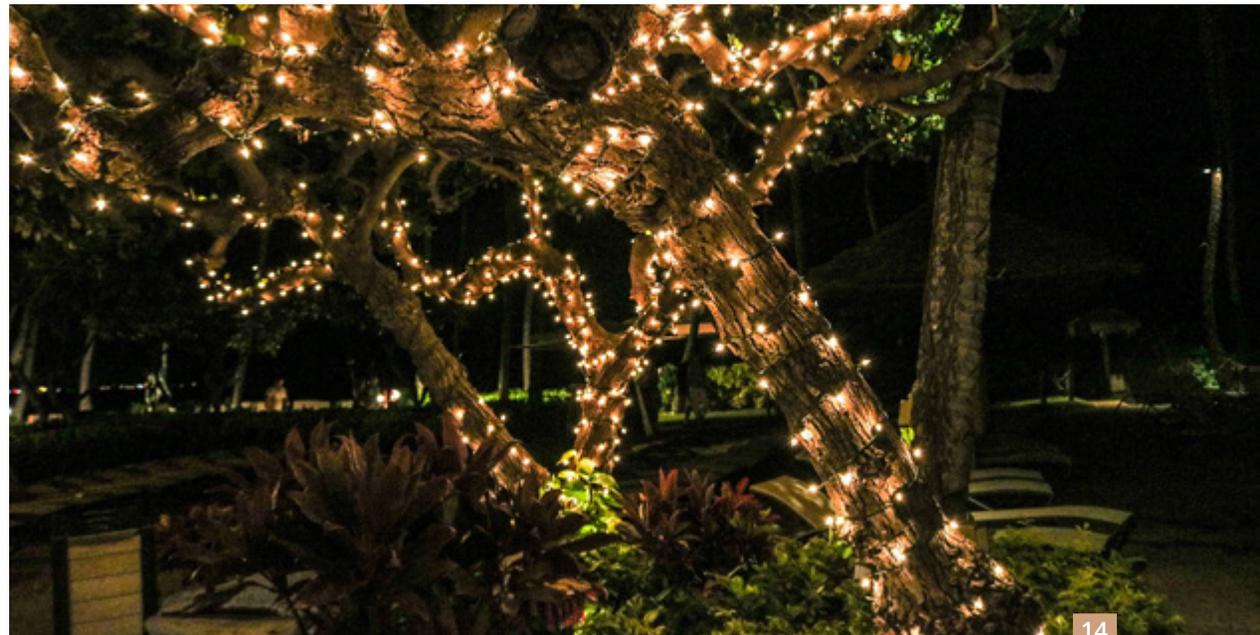
HIDDEN LIGHTING

With a subtle and elegant concealed lighting, you can achieve an ultra-natural, even fairy-tale effect. It can be installed at the edge of your house, at the foot of your trees or smartly blended into your flowerbeds. Extraordinary atmosphere guaranteed.

LIGHT CORDS

Although it doesn't fit all decors and styles, this element can add a fun and casual touch to your backyard for any occasion or special event. Choose warm lights and hang them along a wall, a beam or through the branches of a tree.

What's so special about it? Well, you can easily remove them if you get tired of it.



Trend 7

Natural and sustainable materials

To respect the quest for balance between humans' creations and those of nature, the trend is towards natural materials, recognized for their durability and permanence.

EXOTIC WOOD

This wood is extracted from exotic trees. It offers an absolutely unique look, full of warmth and authenticity. Some common exotic woods are Teak and Ipe. Generally speaking, these are more expensive than other woods, but they're denser and more durable and don't decompose. However, they need to be maintained and treated by applying, among other things, a protective oil on their surface. However, they can be restored to their original appearance and remain beautiful for decades to come.





TORREFIED WOOD

Torrefied wood is gaining popularity in Quebec. It's the result of a high-temperature torrefaction treatment that helps ensure a dry consistency and good resistance to moisture, rot and heat. It has an elegant appearance and colours that are as rich as natural. Its most detrimental aspect lies in its ability to crack during installation; it tends to retain its stability remarkably well afterwards. For maintenance, it should be covered with a protective coating adapted to its essence.



NATURAL STONE

Natural stone is a noble and ancient material shaped by nature, and is made of the rock from which it was originally extracted. Marble, granite, limestone, sandstone: each stone has its own personality and appearance! Practically eternal, stone skillfully resists abrasion and scratches.

It can be used for several projects, such as the construction of waterfalls and water basins, the construction of low walls or for paving your terrace. This material also has the advantage of being used in multiple aspects of a larger project to create a beautiful effect of uniformity between different elements!



CORTEN STEEL

Corten steel is a living and evolving material to consider. It's a steel made from different alloys, such as chromium and copper, among others. Since its appearance changes according to the ambient humidity or the degree of exposure to sunlight, it's not unusual to see several surfaces of the same steel showing distinct differences in colour! The oxidation process caused by copper creates a patina on its surface, which serves as a protective layer. It's therefore very easy to maintain because it regenerates its patina naturally over time... and unlike the patina of standard steel, it will never pierce the material.



CONCRETE

Designed with an industrial look, concrete offers a distinctly modern material that you can easily integrate into driveways or terraces. Smoothed, deactivated and even printed, concrete suits all tastes! Still, despite its popularity, concrete is a riskier choice for Quebec's climate. Differences in temperature and alternating periods of freezing and thawing often have catastrophic effects on concrete infrastructures, which tend to crack if they are poorly protected.

You are now familiar with the 7 most popular trends for 2020. Are you ready for your dream outdoor decor? Download our ultimate guide and let us guide you through the process!



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