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## Garden Planning Time Is Now Landscape Architect Advises

Garden planning, believe it or not, is a popular wintertime sport throughout most of the nation, landscape gardeners remind.

In the winter, house-bound families start thinking of spring, warm weather and the outdoors, and that is just what the landscape experts want them to do.

We like to work on landscaping problems, one leading west coast landscape architect advises, when the family has done a lot of preliminary planning and when locations of major outdoor structures such as garden plots, fences and decks have been pretty much agreed upon. It makes our basic design problems much easier, he said.

Where does a family start, the landscaping architect was asked?

Start with basics, he said, like fences, patio and deck installations and gardener's tool houses. Then smaller garden plots, play areas and use areas can be more easily located.

Fence planning is most important, he stated. Find out what style of fence will fit with your home. There are so many styles: high, solid board, estate-type fences for maximum privacy; board-on-board or louvered screens for an air-conditioned yard; picket; basket weave; or designs with offsetting panels equipped with shelves for potted plants.

Next to deciding on fencing style, he said, settling on the kind of wood is most important. Western red cedar is a favorite wood with most landscape architects, although they sometimes use Douglas fir and redwood. Cedar is resistive to weather and need not be stained, for it weathers to a beautiful silvery gray, as do the other woods mentioned.

Patio deck planning is the next major step, the architect pointed out. Locate your deck adjoining the living room and kitchen, if practical, to save steps when serving food or when moving from inside to outdoors.

Decks come in many sizes, shapes, he said. The most popular deck adjoins the home, is generally an extension of the living room, is comfortably equipped with lounging chairs, and possibly has a fireplace or built-in barbecue. It is generally built of wood.

Because it is tough, durable and resistive to wear, Douglas fir dimension lumber, either 2x4s or 2x6s, make an ideal deck floor, he said. They should be laid on a solid foundation of heavier fir timbers and the timbers should set on a concrete block to prevent decay.

Deck boards can be laid the narrow side up when 2x4s are used and spaced slightly to allow runoff of water, but not far enough apart so a woman's heel will get caught.

Some architects build permanent

## Good Lighting Makes Home More Livable

Ever stop to think how important good lighting is in your home? Not just good light to see by and to prevent accidents—that's a must—but lighting which makes your home more attractive and you more comfortable.

Give your house a quick check and then see how you answer these key questions:

1. Do your rooms have strong light and dark contrast in them? Bright lights and deep shadows are distracting and hard on the eyes. This subtle discomfort can cause you to become nervous and ill at ease, even though you aren't aware of it. The remedy? Plan enough general lighting to give pleasant over-all illumination.

You can accomplish it in a number of ways—one popular way is to use cornices, coves, and valances to direct light up or down over broad surfaces such as walls or draperies. Or you can use luminous ceilings. To have comfortable over-all lighting for all occasions, you can use light brightness controls.

2. Do you have light for specific seeing tasks, like reading and sewing? Be sure you have the right light at the right place for good vision. Lamps are usually best for this, so make sure they're tall enough and with big light shades to give plenty of light over the whole visual work area—you don't want to slouch to see, nor do you want distracting shadows in the work areas.

3. Do your lights glare? Whenever possible you should not be aware of the source of the light—naked glowing bulbs are uncomfortable; this also applies to cornices, coves, and valances.

4. Can you adjust your lighting to any occasion or mood? Flexibility is the key to interesting lighting—light brightness controls let you vary the light to suit your needs and personality.

5. Do you have all the light you need in the bathroom for applying makeup—can your husband easily see to get a good clean shave? Then can you adjust these lights comfortably low for night time?

6. Is your lighting planned to bring out the beauty of your home? In addition to lighting for mood and comfort, you can do much with decorative lighting—from lighting gardens to highlighting unusual features in your house like prize paintings.

## Plywood Popular In Home Workshops

Plywood has become the most popular type of material used by home workshop hobbyists, reports the Institute of Home Designers.

Unfortunately, not all workshop enthusiasts are able to use this material because they can't get the big pieces into their workshop. If you have an outside entrance to your basement, however, you will have no difficulty bringing in pieces as large as 4' wide and 12' long.

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## Functional Built-Ins Create Useful Extra Storage Space

"Everybody's got problems," as they say, but for the home-owner there is one that is likely to stand out and that is the problem of storage space. Whether your home is old or new, big or small, you still undoubtedly face the question of where-to-put-what. In many new homes there is neither attic nor basement, and in older roomier houses the lack is in convenient storage space.

One thing that will help out a lot is to create built-ins appropriate to various rooms in your home. If you build them of lumber they can be given a wood stain to lend color but still allow the natural characteristics of the wood to show through.

What wood to choose is always

a question. Certain species are

good for certain jobs. Pine is rea-

sonably priced and you might try

the very light Idaho white pine or

the slightly darker ponderosa,

lodgepole or sugar pine. For a still

darker, reddish tone you can buy

incense cedar or inland red cedar.

The former has a pleasant fra-

grance for built-ins designed for

clothing.

The kitchen is a spot where

many home-owners begin to im-

prove their storage facilities with

below-counter cabinets, cupboards,

closets and open shelving. Give

thought to special spots for equip-

ment, mixer, coffee maker and

the like, and plan your cabinets

so that heavy or frequently used

items are easy to get at.

Bedrooms offer hidden opportuni-

ties for storage. If you have an

old house your closets may be big

enough for shallow drawers to go

at the sides or back. You can build

these of lumber painted a bright

shade to match or contrast with

the closet's interior. Be sure you

have a good over-head light

though, or you'll have trouble

finding things.

Storage walls also do yeoman's

duty in a bedroom and especially

in a child's room where toys can

be thrown into cupboards and

drawers that blanket a wall. A

wardrobe type closet with shelves

and drawers also can help teach

a youngster to keep things neat,

and give some thought to building a

desk into the wall unit.

Bathrooms are another likely

spot for built-ins. Even in limited

space you can usually box in the

area under your basin and this

will give you a spot to store towels,

soap, tissue and brushes and

cleaner. Perhaps you can also

put cabinets overhead. This is a

good spot for medicines since chil-

dren will be less likely to get at

them there, but don't set the cabi-

nets so high that an adult will have

trouble reaching them.

Of course virtually every room

in the house can benefit from built-

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