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## Some Random Landscape Thoughts

When nice weather comes around, no one likes being cooped up indoors. Decks and patios can introduce a whole new dimension to your home by extending your living space outside.

If you decide to install a new deck or patio, you'll want to ask yourself a few key questions.

- How will I use this space?
- How do I want it to look?
- Do I want this area to be a part of the yard?
- Will this be a social area, or a quiet retreat?

### Patios

Patios are flush with the ground and generally made from concrete, bricks, or paver stones. Being at an even level to the rest of your lawn creates a connection between your living space and your landscape. Surrounding shrubs, trees, and flower beds become key elements of the area. The stonework in patios makes it easy to incorporate other stone features such as fire pits, fountains, or other water features. Patios are also excellent foundations for outdoor kitchens.

### Decks

Decks are typically made of wood and are raised off of the ground. Their elevation creates a separation from the rest of your landscaping, but also provides a vantage point from which to view your yard. To ensure safety, decks need to have some sort of boundary around their perimeter. A recent alternative to wooden decks are synthetic composite decks. This material is a blend of plastic and sawdust molded into the shape of standard lumber. While more expensive than wood, composite decking is just as attractive as wood while requiring no maintenance.

Whatever option you choose, endless hours of outdoor enjoyment await you and your family.

Happy Landscaping!

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**Magnolia X soulangeana**  
"Tulip Tree"



A beautiful tree with flowers that emerge dramatically on a bare tree in early spring. Its flowers are shaped like tulips in various shades of white, pink, and purple.

The leaves expand shortly thereafter and last through summer until autumn.

# SIMPLE LANDSCAPE PROJECTS THAT MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

**Clean It Up** - It sounds basic, but the first thing you need to do to begin appreciating your landscape is to clean it up.

**Flowers** - Your landscape will look instantly better with color as you add perennial plants (those that will last for an infinite period of time) and annual plants (those that will only last for the season).

**Ground Cover** - There are endless options for ground covering plants that will fill space with color, textures, heights, and design.



**Shrubs** - Shrubs are an essential ingredient for your landscape as they hide undesirable spots in your yard, add visual focal points, and create transition areas.

**Mulch** - A fresh layer of mulch helps trap moisture, regulate the soil temperatures and discourage weeds.

**Plant a Tree** - Create a lasting legacy on your property by adding a tree that can provide shade, privacy, and beauty.

**Small Touches** - If you don't have a lot of time and are looking for a quick fix consider adding small pots of flowers, whimsical yard décor, or some other feature to help you enjoy your outdoor space a bit more.

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