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Plan Your Project

Accelerated Green Works can help you transform your backyard (or front) into the perfect setting to surround your home and welcome your neighbors. If you are interested in any of the services or monthly contracts we provide, please send an email to sales@acceleratedgreenworks.com.

I guarantee a quality experience when you choose Accelerated Green Works to complete all of your seasonal landscape and ground maintenance needs. A list of former clients is available for references upon request. We look forward to hearing from you!



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“Where do I start?”

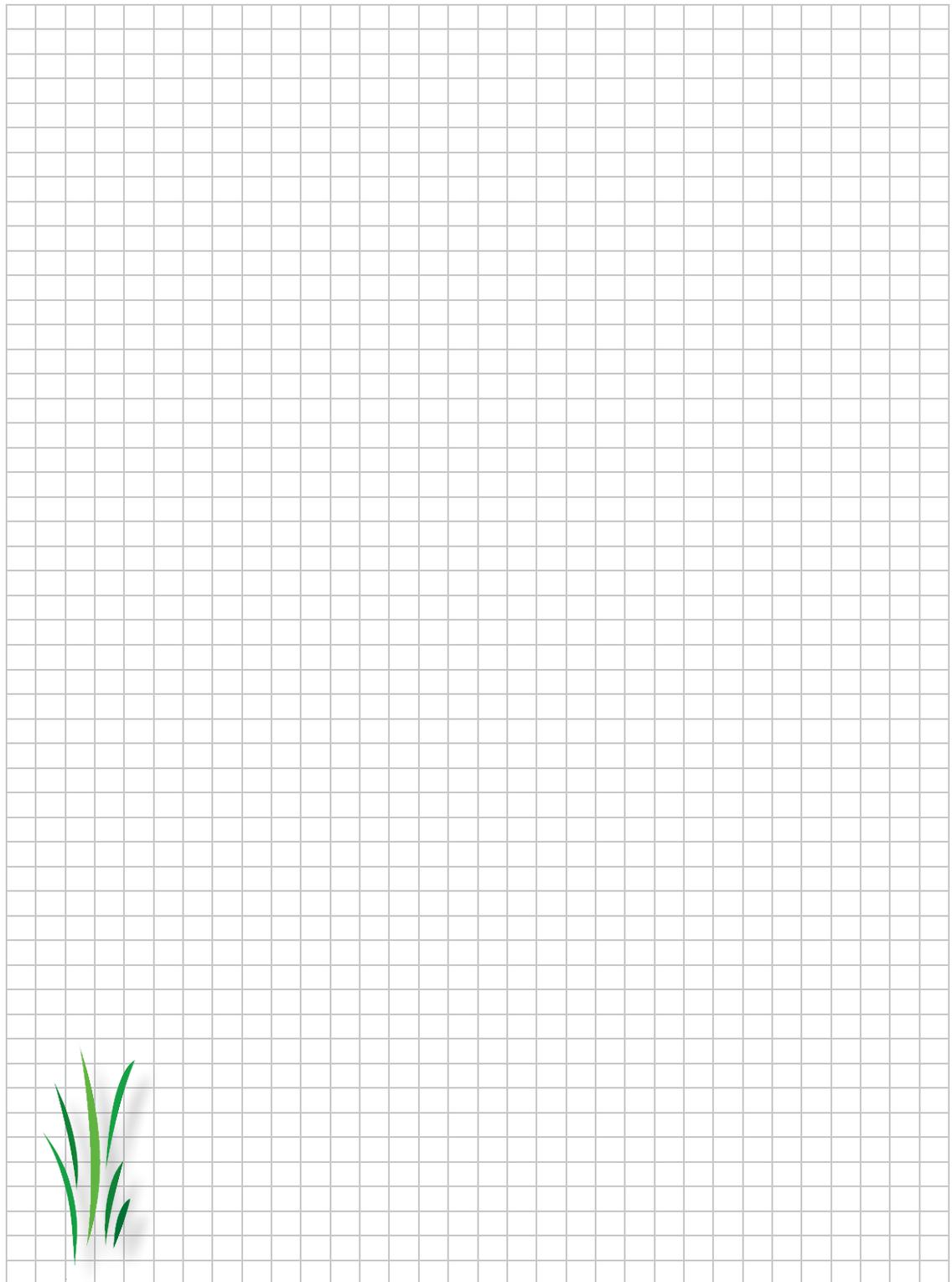
It may seem like a daunting task to start landscaping your yard at home, but it does not have to be! Use these simple tricks to start your project so that you can be ready with an arsenal of top notch ideas when the time comes to invest in your home's **curb appeal**.

1. **Keep a photo collection** in a simple folder of pictures from magazines or other media that have caught your eye. Make a list of both likes and dislikes that you have. (e.g. lighting types, colors, styles, amount of maintenance, etc.)
2. **Use social media tools to organize your thoughts.** Create a Pinterest board or research on Houzz. Facebook is also a great place to ask questions of friends and family for ideas and referrals!



3. **Sketch your thoughts.** Start with an outline of the foundation of your home. (Try using a darker line for this like permanent marker). Begin sketching ideas in pencil so you can adjust them as they change.
4. **Outline your budget.** Decide how much funding you have available to set aside and invest in your home's exterior spaces. Typically, a rough estimate for most residential landscaping projects can be determined by using 10-20% of your home's value.
5. **Ask questions of people you trust** and find a local contractor to work with. Referrals are a great way to find quality workmanship in a city where there are many different companies to choose from. Remember: the cheapest estimate may not always be the best choice for your quality investment.
6. **Plan a schedule.** If your current budget does not allow for ALL of your landscaping to be done immediately, do not get discouraged. Prioritize what you want to see done first and then slowly realize all of your landscaping dreams at your own pace.

REMEMBER: Landscaping is one way to truly raise the value and increase your enjoyment of your home.



“What details should I consider?”

Use this checklist to begin your project. Remember there may be several other options available, but this will help you start.

1. Lawn
 - Final Grade
 - Hydro-mulch
 - Sod Edging
 2. Sprinklers
 3. Edging
 - Plastic
 - Aluminum
 - Bullet
 - Curb
 - Paver
 4. Rocks or mulch?
 - Round rock (river)
 - Lava rock
 - Crushed rock
 - Decorative mulch
 5. Landscape lighting
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7. Retaining wall
 - Segmental block
 - Natural stone
 - Concrete
 8. Patio
 - Concrete
 - Stamped concrete
 - Stone / Slate
 - Pavers
 9. Decks
 - Green-treated
 - Vinyl
 - Cedar
 10. Fencing
 - Chain link
 - Green-treated
 - Vinyl
 - Cedar

6. Trees, Shrubs, Perennials
Look through books and magazines or search the internet to find plants that will be appropriate for your specific climate needs. The Fargo-Moorhead area requires more hardy shrubs than other parts of the U.S.

Also be concerned about where you want these plants located around your property. Will they be in full sun or shaded? And remember that plants DO GROW so plan accordingly to ensure there is enough room for what you want.



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