



EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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The Importance of Planting

When creating an outdoor landscape entertaining space, it is crucial to consider how to make it visually appealing and inviting. One effective way to achieve this is by incorporating softening elements through planting. At Goom Landscapes, we work closely with the client to understand and shape their needs then carefully select and strategically place specimen trees, shrubs, and flowers, that can transform a dull and stark space into a lush and vibrant oasis.

Planting provides a natural touch that softens the hard edges of structures and hard surfaces. Instead of relying solely on materials like concrete and stone, incorporating plants adds a much-needed connection to nature. This creates a more harmonious and inviting atmosphere, enticing guests to relax and enjoy their surroundings.



Moreover, planting can help create privacy and seclusion in your outdoor entertaining area. By strategically placing tall plants or installing vertical gardens, you can create natural barriers that shield your space from prying eyes. This not only enhances the sense of intimacy but also adds an element of tranquility to your outdoor space.

Plants also contribute to a healthier environment by improving air quality. They absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen, purifying the surrounding air. This is particularly beneficial in urban or densely populated areas where pollution levels are higher. By incorporating



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plants into your landscape, you are creating a greener and more sustainable space for everyone to enjoy.

In addition to their aesthetic and environmental benefits, planting can also serve functional purposes in your outdoor entertaining space. Strategically placed trees and shrubs can provide shade during the hot summer months, making the area more comfortable for gatherings and activities. Furthermore, plants can act as natural windbreakers, reducing the impact of strong winds and creating a more pleasant microclimate.

When choosing plants for your outdoor landscape, it is important to consider their seasonal and regional variations. Something growing well in Auckland won't necessarily do well with our Christchurch frosts and easterlies. By selecting a mix of evergreen and seasonal plants, you can ensure that your space is beautiful and inviting all year round. Imagine the burst of fragrance and new growth during spring and summer, pops of autumn colour, and the structure and texture provided by evergreens in the winter months. We like to source the best local stock for our clients and our preferred supplier is The Little Big Tree Company in Harewood.

Another advantage of softening up your outdoor landscape with planting is the opportunity to attract wildlife and enhance biodiversity. By incorporating native plants, you can provide food and shelter for various species such as birds, butterflies, and bees. This not only adds enchanting sights and sounds to your space but also contributes to the overall health of the ecosystem.

Softening up your outdoor landscape entertaining space with planting brings numerous benefits to the overall design result. From enhancing visual appeal and privacy to improving air quality and attracting wildlife, incorporating plants creates a harmonious and vibrant environment. Call Goom Landscapes today to book a time to come and discuss how to transform your outdoor space and carefully curate placement, and maintenance of plants, to create a stunning outdoor retreat that will be enjoyed for years to come.

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