

## ***LANDSCAPE FENG SHUI*** ***10 TIPS FOR A FENG SHUI GARDEN***

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### 1/ Welcoming feeling at the entrance

Make sure you place around your front door flowerbeds or flower arrangements in ceramic pots so when people walk in that feel the welcoming feeling of the front door. Declutter your front door, make sure all death plants are removed and don't place any garbage cans in this area. You can place images of two laying lions or dogs or the Chinese fu dogs left and right of your front door. The laying down of the animals tells you that you are open to people as the dogs or the lions will not attack you, but at the same time you give the message in case I need them they will protect me. It is a fun and save symbol.

### 2/ don't block the entrance

Make sure there is not in the first 10 steps you are walking out the door, a tree or a bush blocking the energy towards the outside world. If this is the case, make sure the tree or the bush is not overwhelming. Sometimes one lonely tree is more blocking than a whole forest. Make that lonely tree like a little garden with some lower flower beds in front of it with a nice statue in front of it so that this overpowering energy is softened. So don't place trees in direct line with any entrances, especially the main entrance. Don't place a tree that completely blocks the light, you have always to bring in the day light at your main entrance. If this is not possible make sure the light is always on when it is getting darker.

### 3/ Living in a beautiful environment

If you feel you have a beautiful house but you don't feel great about your garden, that there will be something out of balance. Don't deny your feelings. Your garden is your view on the outside world. If you don't feel happy about your garden, you don't feel happy about your connection with the world, society, work and friends. A beautiful garden will support your inner feelings. Having flowers blooming on a regular base, and birds come to visit you will enliven your soul. Focus on beauty in your garden.

### 4/ Pathways

The pathway towards your home or in your garden should always be like a meandering stream and not a straight road. Especially if you have a straight road coming to your front door. If you have a straight pathway at this moment, place solar light left and right on your pathway, in such a way that the lights create a meandering feeling. So the lights will never be opposite each other but one time left and the other time right. You can do the same thing with pots of flowers or plants you place along the straight road. A straight road with plants or trees that are placed left and right opposite each other even make the road or pathway straighter.

#### 5/ Water in the garden

First of all I would suggest if you would like to place ponds and pools that you place them under the guidance of a trained Feng Shui expert. Water can be a great enhancement in your garden but it can also create problems like cash flow, conflict, weight problems, etc... Generally till 2024 having a water element like a fountain in the east or southwest of your garden will be beneficial for that garden and the home in this garden. As it will attract money and fame towards you.

#### 6/ Rocks in the garden

Having large rocks in the garden can look attractive. In Feng Shui they connect with the element earth and they have to be carefully placed with a guidance of a Feng Shui expert. By using rocks you create a mountain element and in the general rule you can place this behind your home, at the opposite of your front door. Because that will support you home and family. Some rock can be placed to the left side of your property as a general rule.

#### 7/ Sharp arrows

When you have sharp arrows pointed at your home, especially your entrance, remove them or place bushes or flowers in front of them to soften the sharpness. Sharpness is creating negative flow of energy. Plants like cactus and palmers or yuccas are better not to have them too close to your entrance. These are certainly plants not to have inside your home.

#### 8/ Flat gardens are not good fen shui.

Having a garden that is flat with only grass is as bad as sharp arrows, the energy moves too fast over the flat field and is not harmonized and meandering. Make sure you have raised planting beds, tall trees and shrubbery. If you can't do this place a statue, a fountain, a large pot with flowers in it or create meandering pathways in the flat garden.

#### 9/ Identify your property

It is good to show the outside world what is your property by fencing it or showing a difference in the landscape. Show the outside world you like harmonious energy. It is not because your neighbors are not like you, that you have to become like you neighbors. I have often seen if one person in the neighborhood starts with a beautiful harmonious garden, that other people are following. Beauty attracts beauty. Chaos attracts chaos.

10/ light brightens your garden.

When you have a dark spot in your garden, it becomes disharmonious and people have the tendency to put easier clutter. Brighten it up with colored flowers, white statue or a white bench, white little rocks, or solar lights. Sometimes just open the space and make sure there are not too many bushes or trees so the sunlight can reach it are also very helpful.

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