

# Landscape Design Series 11

## Hardscapes

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# What Exactly Is The Hardscape?



A photograph of a brick walkway leading to a lawn. The bricks are light brown and arranged in a pattern. The lawn is green and occupies the upper half of the image. The text is overlaid on the bricks.

# Hardscapes In Your Landscapes

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# Hardscapes Are Non-living Elements In The Landscape



# They Include Patios, Fences And Sidewalks



# Landscapes Emphasize Plants But Hardscapes Are Important



# They Enhance Outdoor Entertainment And Recreation





# They Provide Focal Points In The Landscape



# They Help Solve Privacy And Security Issues



# Good Hardscapes Make Landscapes More Livable



# Good Hardscapes Make Landscapes Easier To Maintain



# Attractive Hardscapes Increase Property Values



# There Are Countless Projects Homeowners Can Tackle



# Utilize Hardscapes To Construct A Areas For Dining And Furniture



# Think Of Ways You Presently Use Your Front, Back, And Side Yards





# Create Ways To Separate Public, Private, And Service Areas



# Could You Make Better Use Of The Space You Have?



# Make Hardscapes Functional And Attractive



# Make Walkways Adequate And Inviting



# Study The Traffic Patterns Throughout Your Yard



# Consider Attractive Winding Paths For Exploring Gardens



# Is The Passageway To Your Front Door Welcoming?



# Design Appealing New Walkways Or Upgrade Existing Ones





# Arrange Pavers, Bricks, Flagstone, Or Tile In A Variety Of Patterns



# Set Materials In A Sand Base, To Make The Job Easier



# Exposed Aggregate Is More Interesting Than Plain Concrete



# Even Simple Gravel Pathways Are Attractive



# Fences Or Walls Provide Privacy And Security



# They Establish Boundaries And Protect Privacy



# Limit Access To Pools By Fences And Gates To Prevent Accidents



# Discourage Intruders The Same Way





# Concrete Block Withstand Our Desert Climate



# Low Walls Help Separate Garden Areas



# Patios, Barbeques And Fireplaces Make Entertaining Easier



# Attached Covered Patios Are Excellent Hardscape Options



# Cooking Outdoors Keeps Heat Outside During Hot Summers



# A Pool Is Not The Only Water Feature For Your Landscape



# **Pools Relieve Summer Heat But Are Expensive**



# Look At Alternatives For Sound And Cooling Effects Of Water





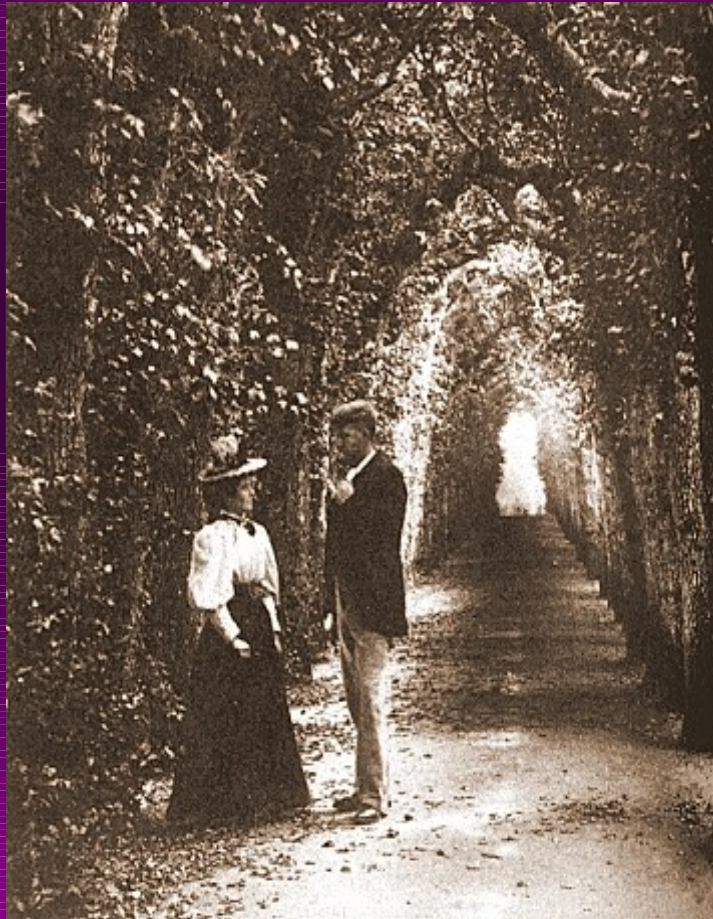
# Consider A Fountain, Waterfall, Or A Pond In Your Design



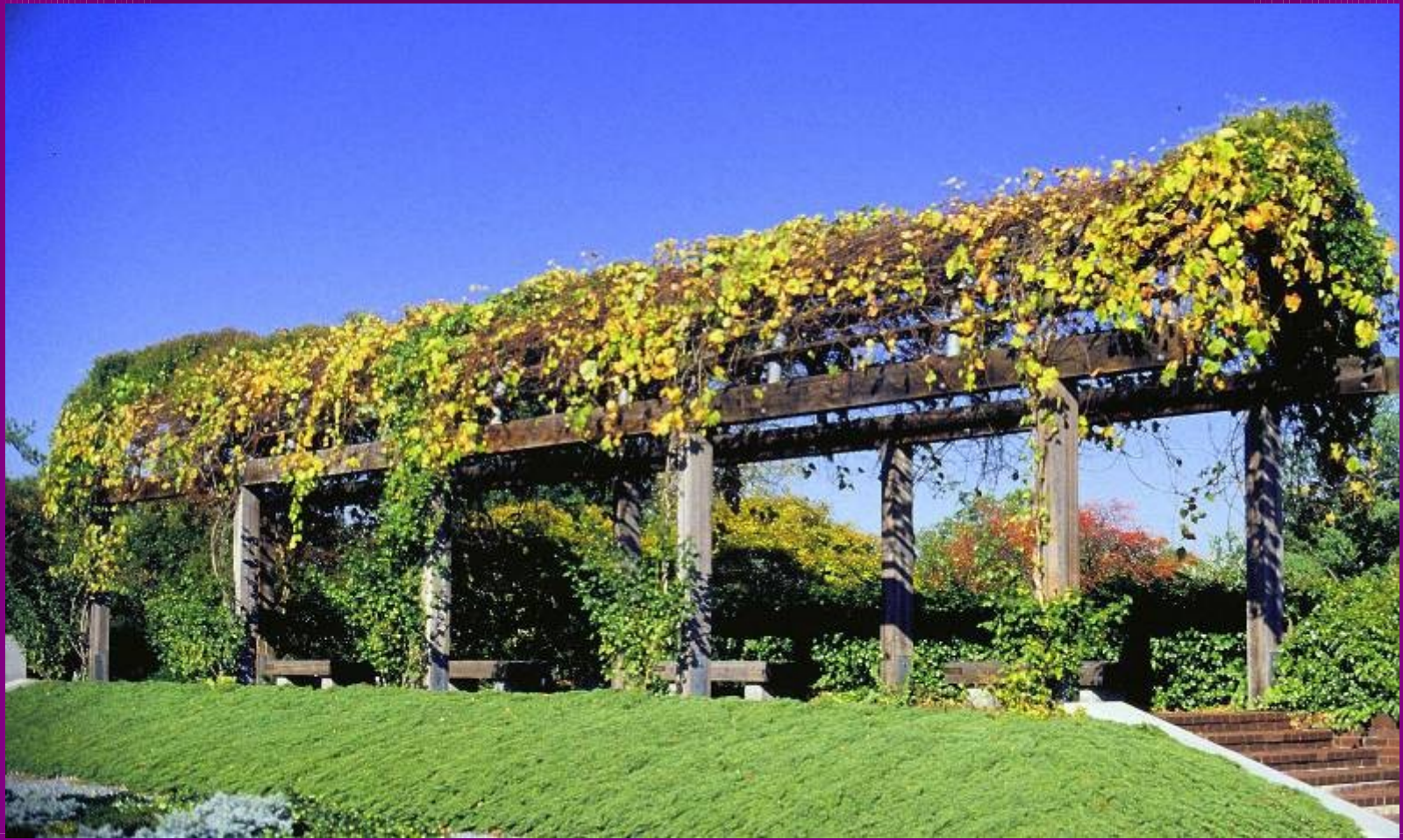
# Do-it-yourself Kits Make These Projects Affordable



# Arbors, Ramadas, Gazebos, And Trellises Offer Shade



# They Create Opportunities To Add More Plants To The Landscape



# Shade Is At A Premium In The Desert



# It Makes Outdoor Living During The Summer Bearable



# Structures Help Cool Areas And Provide Shade



# They Are Practical And Attractive





# Train Vining Plants Up These Structures



# Containers Work Well If Your Space Is Limited



# Raised Beds Give Easy Access To Your Plantings



# Maintaining These Garden Areas Can Be Demanding



# Construct Raised Beds From Wood, Concrete Or Blocks



# Raised Beds Reduce Bending And Stooping



# Garden Pots On The Patio Add Landscape Interest



# Containers Come In Endless Sizes And Styles For All Tastes





# There Are Many Ways To Integrate Hardscapes Into Your Landscape



# Hopefully, These Will Start Your Creative Juices Flowing



# Browse Garden Magazines Or Books For More Ideas



# Try To Keep Your Plans Simple

