



10 Tips to add Yard Privacy

Privacy is at a premium these days, and it is not just about prying eyes invading your space—you may want to shield your own view of your sunbathing neighbors and block out their chatter.

Here are 10 tips to add more privacy to your yard:



Raised Beds

Give your favorite plants better view-blocking power by growing them in raised beds or berms. It puts medium-size plants at eye level.

Create a Secluded Corner Pocket

Take one corner of your yard and transform it into a secluded getaway. A simple way to do this is to carefully place a couple of trees to form a pocket.

Use Lattice

Do you feel a little claustrophobic at the thought of fencing your yard? Try lattice. It's an ideal way to add privacy and enclosure without closing off your yard too much.

Look for Interesting Materials

Build a fence from out-of-the-ordinary materials or decorate a fence with architectural detailing.

Plant a Tree

A single tree can be an effective and inexpensive way to block a view. It shields the yard and creates a focal point.

Use a Hedge

Enjoy a wall of green by planting a hedge. Look for evergreen varieties to provide year-round screening or try types that lose their leaves in winter but make up for it by putting on a show with attractive flowers or a blaze of fall color.

Reach Up

Vines are like the swiss army knife of the gardening world—there are so many ways you can use them. Plant a climber to cover a fence, dress up a wall, over a pergola, or travel wires to create a screen in any direction.

Use Containers

Big, bold container gardens are ideal for creating privacy, especially if you have a small space such as a deck or patio. You can find containers and plants to fit any landscape style.

Decorate a Fence

Let's be honest: Fences can look dull and cold. But they're easy to dress up with a border of easy-care annuals, perennials, or shrubs. And extra-tall perennials that rise above the fence provide additional screening.

Keep It Simple

There's no rule saying a fence has to run the length or perimeter of your yard. Put a panel or two just where you need it. It's a great way to save money.



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