

TIPS

Dress Up Your Yard

Whether your property consists of fifty acres or a small suburban lot, much of the value of the package you're selling is in the land itself. If your yard is a well-landscaped setting for your home, your chances of selling quickly will be greatly enhanced. Here are some ways you can shape up your yard:

- 1) Prune bushes, and remove any overgrown or nearly-dead shrubs.
- 2) Keep your grass under control, even if it means mowing your lawn twice a week while your home is on the market. Keep grass watered and consider placing sod in areas where grass refuses to grow.

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- 3) An inch or two of pine bark mulch around your foundation shrubs makes an excellent first impression (and eliminates the need to weed).
- 4) Edge carefully where grass meets driveway or sidewalk, and check patio areas to eliminate stubborn weeds that persist in popping up between bricks or flagstones.
- 5) Brighten up your property with some colorful flowers.