



## Landscaping Lifespan

The landscape lifespan describes the amount of time plants are able to serve their intended purpose. Landscaping is used to create outdoor living spaces, increase curb appeal, and provide edibles (such as fruit trees or a vegetable garden). Landscaping also serves a function such as providing shade with trees, retaining walls to create a usable lawn, and to hide unsightly elements of a home such as a gas meter.

Landscapes over the age of 10-15 years will soon reach the end of their lifespan. Most shrubs will mature in five years after planting, increasing new growth each

season as well as maintenance needs. The typical lifespan of shrubs is 15-25 years. Once a shrub approaches the end of its lifespan, it becomes prone to rapid health deterioration and sudden death. Older landscapes tend to be overgrown, diseased, and unsightly. Overgrown shrubs require more time and money to maintain.

The removal and replacement of an old landscape is necessary to continue to serve its intended purpose. There are three benefits to replacing an old landscape. First, a new landscape allows you to update to more

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desirable plants, remove old trends, and plant new varieties. New varieties of plants are developed to be more disease resistant or to remove un-wanted characteristics. Replacing an old landscape with new varieties of plants will increase the lifespan. Second, when replacing an old landscape, it is recommended to also remove any plants that are invasive. The two newest plants that have been deemed invasive in Pennsylvania are the Bradford Pear, and Japanese Barberry. Third, the removal of old, overgrown shrubs will help lower the cost and time

associated with landscape maintenance. Newer plants require less trimming and are disease free when planted.

Updating your landscaping provides many benefits from planting new disease resistant varieties, removing invasive species, and reducing the cost of maintenance.

Restart your landscape lifespan and update to your tastes and needs with Trump Lawn and Land.

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