

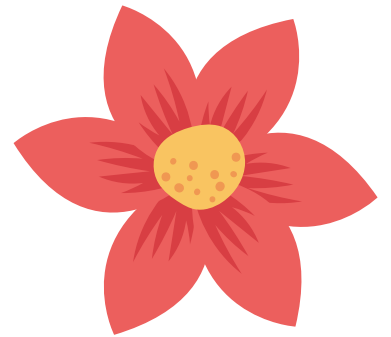


Yard of the Month Spotlight 1416 Benavites

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Do you maintain your own yard or hire someone to maintain it for you?

I do it. During high school, I worked for a landscaping company, and I went on to study horticulture in college, owned a landscape company, and was a Texas Certified Nurseryman for several years.



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What tips do you have for your neighbors who want to transform their yard?



Use good compost in your flower beds and work it in at least 8-10 inches deep. You have to prepare the soil correctly. That's the key to setting yourself up for success. And when choosing plants and flowers, know what does well in our climate and consider the conditions (full sun, shade, hot afternoon sun, etc).

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What are your go-to flowers and plants that work well in the North Texas climate?

For summer flowers, I like periwinkles, marigolds, daylilies, lantana, perennial hibiscus, For shrubs, I like nandina, butterfly bush, yaupon holly and Japanese Yew

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How do you maintain your lawn?

This time of year, I am mowing once a week but it will slow down once the weather cools off. I water twice a week unless it rains for about 12 minutes per station and longer on the soakers. For the grass, I use Scott's Turf Builder. It's a good slow-release formula with urea nitrogen

