



Feng Shui Outdoor Spaces

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Now that we are on the cusp of summer and enjoying all the colors, sounds and smells of nature, it is a great time to look at our outdoor space with Feng Shui eyes. Feng Shui isn't just for the inside of your home, it is for the property your home sits on as well.

The sights you see from inside your home looking out should be as inspiring and joyful as what you see when you walk into your space. In Feng Shui, the windows represent the eyes of the home, so it is important to keep your windows clean. It is wonderful to be able to see the outside beauty without the smudges, splatters and grime. This

allows for the outdoor energy to be easily brought indoors.

Another important key to energizing your home from the outside in is to keep windows open as much as you can and get fresh air into the home. Older houses, unless they have been renovated to be more energy efficient, are often drafty, which allows for air



movement through the home. Newer homes are buttoned up so tight that you really need to air them out daily. Letting fresh air in will drastically improve air quality inside the home and freshen it up tremendously. Even if it's raining, that air will energize your home.

As you consider your patio, porch or deck, remember that this is an outdoor living area and needs to be treated as such. You, your friends, and family will enjoy the outdoor living area much more if it is designed as a "living area." Take care to have furniture that is comfortable and functional, whether that means being modifiable to accommodate more people in different arrangements like a sectional sofa or sturdy cushions that are comfy and colorful. Potted plants and flowers are a great addition to attracting energy, as well as landscaping around the area to further define the space and attach it to the home.

If you spend a lot of time outside you can easily find outdoor stylish rugs or even outdoor paintings and art to further accentuate the space. Consider everything that is needed for your comfort, including healthy alternatives for bug repellents, pet play areas cooking and entertaining.

Another key component when designing your outdoor space is to consider the yard as a whole. People frequently design beautiful landscaping for the perimeter of the home but leave the rest of the yard canvas blank. This seems attractive if you looking at the home from the outside, but from the inside you won't benefit as much from the design effort.

Incorporating Feng Shui principals into your whole property design allows you to fully appreciate what nature is offering. Further expand upon that by creating an outdoor living space that is practical, attractive and in alignment with you by bringing positive energy into your space.

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