

Creating Structure in your Garden

Why sitting down with pen and paper and sketching out a rough plan is well worth the effort, when wanting to add structure to your garden.

Hedges and borders act as living walls, providing privacy, shelter and a sense of enclosure. Popular choices include;

Formal hedging, Buxus (box), Corokia, Portuguese Laurel, Holly

Informal hedging, Griselinia, Muehlenbeckia, Lavender and Forsythia

Trees for height and framework establish the gardens' vertical structure and act as a focal point, consider evergreens like Magnolia grandiflora, Michelias, Thujas and Camellias.

Introduce seasonal variation with deciduous trees like Japanese Maples, Gleditisa, Dogwoods, Crabapple and Spring flowering Cherries.

Architectural plants for impact that are bold, sculptural plants like Topiary balls. Varieties that are easy to clip; Pittosporum Pom Pom, Silver ball and Green Globe.

Cloud trees, although a more expensive option offer a living sculpture that creates a dramatic feature. We have some wonderful specimens in stock to choose from Thuja smaragd and Junipers.

Pathways and edging define movement and will create flow between your garden area. Materials like gravel, stone, brick or timber will add texture. Walls, fences and screens provide strong lines and privacy, while trellis and screens offer you a lighter semi-transparent option with climbing plants to soften these harder lines.

Whether you prefer a formal contemporary or natural look, structure is the key to a well-designed garden.

Here at Portstone we are always happy to look at your garden photos and offer advice.

Come in and talk to us.

