

Landscaping Trends for 2026 Highlight Sustainable and Functional Outdoor Design

Jim Dunphy's Landscaping outlines the key landscaping trends shaping residential outdoor spaces in 2026.

DELRAN, NJ, UNITED STATES, January 24, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As homeowners look ahead to 2026, landscaping design is evolving to reflect a stronger emphasis on sustainability, usability, and long-term value. Jim Dunphy's Landscaping, a Delran-based company with decades of experience serving New Jersey and southeastern Pennsylvania, is outlining the landscaping trends expected to shape residential outdoor spaces in the coming year.



The team at Jim Dunphy's Landscaping

[Sustainable design remains a central focus](#) for homeowners planning new landscapes or upgrades. Native plantings and climate-appropriate selections are gaining traction as property owners seek landscapes that support local ecosystems while reducing water use and

maintenance requirements. Thoughtfully designed planting plans are helping homeowners achieve attractive, balanced landscapes that remain resilient through seasonal changes.

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Clean lines and simplified layouts are also influencing modern landscape design. Sleek edging, structured garden beds, and low-maintenance yard designs are becoming more common as homeowners prioritize visual clarity and ease of upkeep. These elements contribute to a polished

appearance while supporting efficient lawn and garden care.

Outdoor living spaces continue to expand beyond traditional patios. In 2026, homeowners are

placing greater value on landscapes that function as extensions of the home. Integrated patios, seating walls, and gathering areas are being designed to accommodate everyday use as well as social occasions. These spaces are planned with durability and comfort in mind, allowing homeowners to enjoy their properties throughout the year.

[Hardscape-focused designs are playing an increasingly important role](#) in landscape planning. Walkways, patios, and retaining walls constructed with durable materials provide structure, improve accessibility, and contribute to overall property function. When designed alongside plantings, hardscape elements create balanced outdoor environments that hold up to regular use and changing weather conditions.

Lighting is also becoming a core component of landscape design rather than an afterthought. Integrated landscape lighting enhances safety, highlights architectural features, and adds visual interest after sunset. Strategic lighting placement allows homeowners to enjoy their outdoor spaces during evening hours while improving overall property visibility.

Year-round interest remains a priority for many homeowners. Landscapes that combine perennials, shrubs, ornamental grasses, and textured foliage help maintain visual appeal across all seasons. Careful plant selection ensures outdoor spaces remain engaging from early spring through winter months.

“With homeowners placing greater importance on how their outdoor spaces function day to day, we are seeing a shift toward designs that balance appearance, durability, and environmental responsibility,” said Jim Dunphy. “These trends reflect a practical approach to landscape design that supports long-term enjoyment.”

[Jim Dunphy's Landscaping is a full-service landscaping company](#) based in Delran, New Jersey, serving residential clients throughout New Jersey and southeastern Pennsylvania. With over three decades of experience, the company provides landscape design, planting, hardscaping, and outdoor enhancements focused on durability, function, and thoughtful planning.

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