

Gardens Sell Houses – Garden Clean Ups and Landscaping.

The Jims Mowing experience is that great gardens sell houses. This may mean a clean up, soft landscaping or both. Since the mid-eighties we have found over time that most people get three times back what they invest in either garden clean ups or soft garden landscaping. For example if you spend \$5,000- on fixing up your garden, in our experience this would result in you achieving an approximate increase in the sale price of \$15,000-. This of course depends on each house but as a rule of thumb nice gardens sell houses quicker and for a greater price.



Pre-Sale Garden Clean-Ups

To improve that garden to sell, Jims Mowing people usually start with the weed management, this means removing weeds by hand or spray, pruning trees and plants, achieving separation between plants, in some cases removing dead and diseased plants and trees, clearing driveways and paths for safe access and finally opening up properties so they can be seen properly and also from the inside letting in more light. It can also mean installing new turf as the picture above shows. There is nothing quite like new green fresh turf to improve the garden aesthetics, often resulting in a house sale. The turf on the above property is a modern hybrid small leaf kikuyu. It is a self-repairing, hard wearing drought tolerant grass ideal for busy families and pets. It also has a deep green colour for most of the year and apart from a regular cut and a feed twice a year is easily maintained.



Soft Landscaping

As the above picture shows this type of landscaping achieves the “Wow” factor, turning a tough spot into something functional that looks good, is economical and is easy to maintain. Replacing or installing some edging to define your gardens design is a basic starting point. Mulching your garden beds to achieve some sparkle and reduce weeds as you sell is also a standard, we also often replace or install retaining walls, freshen up paths and driveways and replace rickety side gates and occasionally even update a houses letterbox. Soft landscaping may mean removing an old close line or putting in a garden seat. Last but not least it may mean planting some new flowering plants or adding some flowering pots. There is no doubt that flowering plants add that little touch of hominess that we all like and if the plants have a perfume even better. At Jims Mowing we have all these ideas that will improve your garden and sell your house and at the very least lift your property above others and make it more desirable.

Rubbish & Junk Removal

It seems that most people that live in a property for years accumulate junk and rubbish and new owners generally want to buy a house with the least amount of work and maintenance as possible. So the junk pile behind the shed has to go or sometimes even the shed, sheds also need to be cleaned out. Jims Mowing are just the people to achieve this task and can work with you or even organize skips or take it away in our trailers to assist you in selling your house quickly and for the best price. A tidy garden sells houses.



Clean Spouting

The smart buyer looks at the roof line and design of your house. Are the gutters clean and functioning properly or are they rusty and full of rubbish, when selling your house do a gutter check or ring Jims Mowing (131 546) and we can come and do a free quote. Believe it or not clean functioning gutters can add an extra tick to your garden's look and assist you to sell your house for the best price quickly. The colonial property below shows a beautiful clean gutter line on the veranda, which emphasises the classic house design, the weeping wisteria, the Iceberg roses and the English Box. Nice gardens sell houses and this house sold quickly and well above reserve.

