Preparing for Garden Renovation

Today on Gardening in a Minute: preparing for garden renovation.

When you need a new look around your familiar home, garden renovation is just the ticket!

First decide what you want to change. Do you want to enhance or screen a view? Add to the value of your home? Make a play area for your children or entertain guests outdoors? Your landscape can serve many purposes.

Before doing anything, have your soil pH-tested. How acidic or alkaline it is will influence which plants thrive. Walk around the yard and take note of the conditions in your landscape, like where it’s shady and where paved areas are. Decide which plants will remain in the new landscape and which should go.

Combine all the information you’ve gleaned into a site analysis. This drawing will help you plot out where new plantings should go.

For more information about garden renovation, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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