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Disguising Utilities

Today on Gardening in a Minute: disguising utilities.

All around your home are utilities that may detract from your landscape's appearance. Electrical boxes, AC units, light poles, and garbage storage areas can all be disguised from view using plants.

Choose evergreen material so undesirable views are hidden all year, and make sure your screening plants aren't highly flammable.

You can use trees to block street lights that might be shining in your window, or tall shrubs to block the view of an AC unit. Vines are often good choices, but might not be allowed on light poles. Before planting your screen, check with your utility companies for required space allowances.

Remember that you don't want to block access to these utilities, but you can still enjoy your view without having to look at them.

For more information about disguising utilities and many other gardening topics, contact your county extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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