Today on Gardening in a Minute: landscaping to increase your home’s value.

It turns out, what you’ve always heard is true. Adding curb appeal really can increase your home’s value.

According to the Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association, landscaping can increase resale value up to 14% and speed a sale by as much as six weeks.

A University of Florida study echoes this. UF researchers enhanced the curb appeal of homes by replacing the turfgrass, swapping out overgrown foundation plants for more appropriate ones, and adding colorful perennials.

When real estate agents saw before and after photos, they favored the homes with updated landscapes, assigning them a higher value and predicting they’d sell quicker.

So if your landscaping looks a little tired, try giving it a facelift. You may add value to your home!

For more information about landscape design and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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