

**The Demo Residence**  
**1234 Sample Drive – Barrington, IL.**

**General Notes:**

- ☀ Check sprinkler system for amounts of water being distributed in beds. 1" per week is recommended for established plants & lawns.
- ☀ Add mulch to most beds in spring – alternate with turning mulch yearly.
- ☀ Tree removal company will have a quote for you Thursday.



**Front Street Bed:**

Heuchera / Coral Bells  
Anthony Waterer Spirea  
Autumn Sweet Clematis

Sedum  
Little Bluestem

**Address:**

- ☀ Clematis can be pruned hard. To encourage growth up the pole add a few cling on areas for the vine to hang on.
- ☀ Would advise not splitting heuchera + sedum until early spring to avoid frost heaving.
- ☀ Spirea could get a rejuvenation prune (cut down to about 3" – 6" from ground) if you'd like, they look good though now.

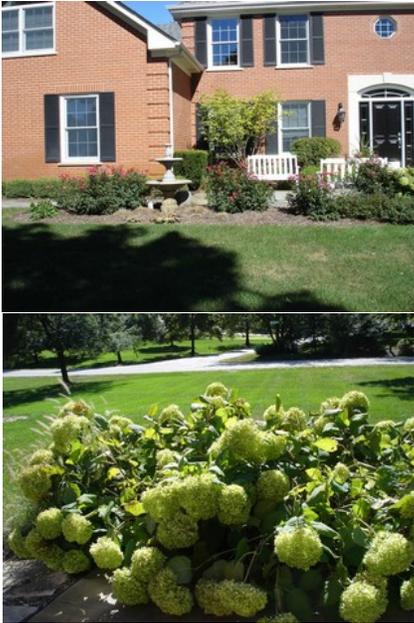


**Front Drive Bed:**

Heuchera / Coral Bells                      Black Eyed Susans  
Nepeta / catmint                              Grass  
Shrub Hydrangea paniculata 'Pee Gee' (near garage)

**Address:**

- ☀ Nepeta to be moved.
- ☀ Might think about adding different plants to "holes"
- ☀ Hydrangea had a bit of iron chlorosis caused from a higher pH soil. (This general area of IL is about 7.5/8 pH)
- ☀ Info: [http://extension.usu.edu/forestry/HomeTown/care\\_treatingIron.htm](http://extension.usu.edu/forestry/HomeTown/care_treatingIron.htm)
- ☀ (treat in spring – do not fertilize for 1 month)
- ☀ Product info: [http://www.espoma.com/p\\_consumer/pdf/products/Esp\\_Soil\\_acidif.pdf](http://www.espoma.com/p_consumer/pdf/products/Esp_Soil_acidif.pdf)
- ☀ I recommend these products & have found them at Ace Hardware & most garden centers.



**Front Bed(s) – House Entrance:**

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|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Boxwoods                       | Yews             |
| Multi-stemmed lilac            | Russian Sage     |
| Geranium (different varieties) | Sedum            |
| Smooth Hydrangea (arborescens) | Little Blue Stem |

**Address:**

- ✿ Regarding Boxwoods turning into a square hedge – should grow together during 1 season w/right prune timing. Only downside to that would be if one dies, you'll have a hole until replaced and grows into place.
- ✿ Boxwoods & Roses would love some special fertilizer. [http://www.espoma.com/p\\_consumer/tones\\_rose.html](http://www.espoma.com/p_consumer/tones_rose.html)
- ✿ Regarding growth of roses: If you'd like them taller, I've found you'll need to leave a few of the canes taller, not an even prune at the ground. Here's a link to some great information (specifically see "Modern Shrub Roses") <http://urbanext.illinois.edu/roses/prune.cfm>
- ✿ Hydrangea's flopping: Although it is a common problem for all, there

seems to be no "one answer". 'Pruning down to the ground (1-2") while dormant' has the majority's vote, but since you said you've already done that, I'm a bit stumped. I was wrong about pruning it at 1', as flower buds are set in late spring to early summer. Other options would be hidden or decorative staking. DO NOT fertilize them or it will be worse. Many nurseries are vying for the "NEW non-floppy hydrangea" title... [http://www.mortonarb.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=16363&Itemid=6](http://www.mortonarb.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=16363&Itemid=6)

<http://milwaukee.uwex.edu/mg/documents/Hydrangea.pdf>

<http://www.mobot.org/gardeninghelp/plantfinder/plant.asp?code=S940>

- ✿ Divide Geraniums in spring. Can be moved around roses.
- ✿ **Suggestions for complimentary plants for this area:**



**Front bed(s) – House Entrance**

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Spirea japonica 'Little Princess' | Burning Bush           |
| Vinca or periwinkle               | Heuchera – Coral Bells |
| Yews                              | Barberry               |
| Crabapple                         | Arrowwood Viburnum     |

**Address:**

- ✿ REMOVE the odd small-leafed spirea, now. I
- ✿ Replace missing barberry (about \$30)
- ✿ I'm not sure why the coreopsis did poorly, looks like enough sun. I can get 7 different varieties.
- ✿ Crabapple information: <http://plantclinic.cornell.edu/treeshrub/crabapple.htm> Look at 'Apple Cedar Rust' in particular, but you can get familiar for the future.



**South Side of House:**

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| Weigela   | Fragrant Viburnum |
| Echinacea | Grasses           |
| Magnolia  | Lilies            |

**Address:**

- ✿ Some of the shrubs can be moved to the rear area.
- ✿ We can discuss plants for a screen for the AC.
- ✿ Magnolia looked great. In spring – always check for scale.  
[http://woodypests.cas.psu.edu/factsheets/insectfactsheets/html/Magnolia\\_Scale.html](http://woodypests.cas.psu.edu/factsheets/insectfactsheets/html/Magnolia_Scale.html) & other things...  
<http://plantclinic.cornell.edu/treeshrub/magnolia.htm>
- ✿ Lilies can be divided in spring or fall. Just take a pitchfork to them, nothing fancy.



**Rear Bed along windows**

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| Smooth Hydrangea (arborescens) | Cimicifuga - Snakeroot |
| Hosta                          |                        |

**Address:**

- ✿ Either move the hostas or move/thin out some hydrangeas in spring.
- ✿ Snakeroot is hard to move.
- ✿ Nice place for water feature – will quote.



**South Side of Pool:**

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| Hydrangea paniculata PeeGee | Grasses |
| Yews                        | Shrubs  |
| Lilies                      |         |

**Address:**

- ✿ Section looks great!
- ✿ Watch for trimming the yews too close to the “naked zone”. It will never grow back.
- ✿ Hydrangea advice same here.



**South-East Veggie/Herb Area:**

Tomatoes  
Chives  
Eryngium campestre (field eryngo) Mystery Plant!  
Burning Bush

Address:

- ☀️ Mystery plant! I knew it looked like a "Sea holly" but it wasn't blue.  
<http://www.pfaf.org/user/Plant.aspx?LatinName=Eryngium%20campestre> IF you like that plant, the photo is of Sea Holly Sapphire Blue  
<http://www.mobot.org/gardeninghelp/plantfinder/Plant.asp?code=B188>
- ☀️ If tomatoes weren't doing too well, I would skip a year or move entirely. Crop rotation helps with keeping pathogens & pests lower in number. In the future, here's a great guide to tomato (& family) pathology problems. <http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/pp/resourceguide/cmp/solanaceous.php> (GREAT SITE!) Download the PDF version & photos of leaf problems are included. Tomatoes rarely have bug probs.
- ☀️ If you want to plant other veggies or herb here, I would add a healthy dose of composted manure to revive the soil.



**North-East Side of Pool:**

Honeylocust  
Vinca or periwinkle  
Lilies  
Burning bush  
Hosta

Address:

- ☀️ Need to quote you on Vinca or periwinkle removal.



**Pool Pump Area:**

Climbing Hydrangea - Hydrangea anomala petiolaris

Address:

- ☀️ This hydrangea only needs to be pruned for shape or deadwood removal.
- ☀️ As you already have 3 of the 5 cultivated hydrangeas in your yard.. you might like the Oakleaf Hydrangea! Beautiful Fall color! (I don't recommend the bigleaf unless you're ok with it being pink)  
<http://www.mobot.org/gardeninghelp/plantfinder/plant.asp?code=D380>



**North-West Side Area:**

Hosta  
Grasses  
Spirea  
Heuchera – coral bells  
Sage  
Burning bush

Address:

- ☀️ Move Russian Sage to sunnier location.
- ☀️ Rejuvenate spirea = cut to ground.
- ☀️ Grasses can be split when dormant. If there's a "dead middle", scruff it out a bit, then add good soil & it will fill in.



**Rear North-East Area:**

Burning bush  
Grasses  
Hostas  
Crabapple  
Nepeta  
Cedar

Lamb's ear  
Spiderwort  
Lilies  
Astilbe  
Vinca or periwinkle

Address:

- ✿ Redesign the area. Shade towards back / sun front.
- ✿ Need to quote you for Vinca or periwinkle + nepeta + lilac removal.



**Rear Yard:**

Whitespire Birch  
Lilies

Sedum  
Shrubs

Address:

- ✿ Fertilizer spikes for birch. Place in crown drip-line area. (about 8' around trunk)
- ✿ Everything looked healthy.
- ✿ If you wanted to keep the neighbors "fancy mint" off your side, dig V trench in bed at least 5-6 inches down to help keep it from spreading.



**North Side:**

Spruce  
Burning bush

Scotch Pine

Address:

- ✿ Removal of 3 dead pines maybe a spruce
- ✿ Re-design the area with a full-length bed along property line.

