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## Introduction

As the weather improves, home ownership can often mean painting, yard work, planting flowers or even adding additional landscaping or remodeling. With property often being a person's most valuable asset, most agree it is important to keep it looking good. With the challenges brought on by the recent economy, there appears to be two prevailing trains of thought.

- I need to cut back on the improvements we make around the house and yard. Maybe the economy will be better next year and I will return to my usual routine of "curb appeal."
- Or, with the economy the way it is, we will be spending more time at home this year.herefore, let's invest in our most important asset and enjoy our short "staycations" in improved surroundings.

What route will you be taking?

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The economy never affects my outdoor home-improvement plans, simply because most of my projects are not expensive to begin with. I re-use a lot of natural materials like stone, logs, and mulch which I take from my wooded lot, and I also recycle salvaged material found at curbside. Plus, I dig and divide my perennials whenever possible. The price of these materials is calculated only in time and effort. I also save money by doing the labor myself. The result over the past two years is an eclectic garden with rustic appeal which blends well with our home's late-70's contemporary architecture.

That said, curb appeal doesn't have to mean spending lots of money on planting new annuals or hanging new shutters. It can be as simple as weeding, pruning, and just taking good care of what your home's already got.

(Thanks to the City of Montgomery's Public Works crew for their brush/yard waste removal twice a year. The chipper truck is a great way to turn my dead brush into mulch. Thanks guys!)

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