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WHY THE WALL?





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Walls have typically been used to keep people and animals out. But in this case, it is used to welcome others, create a sense of architecture and be a comfortable landing spot.

Let's consider the average house. Many homes lack a true sense of architecture or those with architecture need a fresh outlook. Adding one or several low walls to front yard landscaping is a simple way to accentuate address numbers, add an architectural element, such as texture, and can be a place that the kids can sit while they are waiting for carpool. These walls should be approximately 18" tall, 12" deep and 6' long. They can be placed at the beginning of a front entry path, about 3' off the sidewalk. They are a perfect place to put address numbers that can be lit up at night with a simple low-voltage light. This simple detail is so useful and creates a sense of drama to any house. Consider facing the wall with colored smooth stucco that matches existing house color or choose a darker color than the house color but one that is in keeping with your existing color palette. Another option is to face the wall with brick or ledger stone. The textural element of a natural material adds to the houses architecture and again looks great lit up at night.







Thanks again, Chris, for sharing some of your expertise!

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