

*Happy  
Spring!*

# The 2020 Census

Every 10 years, the United States aims to counts everyone who lives in the country. It is important for everyone to respond to the 2020 Census because the results will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location.



## What does this mean for our community?

Accurate census information is important and benefits our community the most when everyone is counted. Census results influence highway planning, construction and public transportation, how money is allocated for your local schools, programs to support rural areas, to prevent child abuse, to restore wildlife, to prepare for wildfires, provide housing assistance for older adults and so much more.

Census mailings/notices will be sent out by the US Census Bureau starting in March. Please look for the 2020 Census form in your mailbox and be sure to fill it out and submit your information.

Here are some links from 2020census.gov that provide more information:

### Census 101

<https://2020census.gov/content/dam/2020census/materials/partners/2019-10/census101.pdf>

### Fact Sheet on Accessibility of the Census Form

[https://2020census.gov/content/dam/2020census/materials/partners/2019-11/Fact\\_Sheet\\_on\\_Accessibility2.pdf](https://2020census.gov/content/dam/2020census/materials/partners/2019-11/Fact_Sheet_on_Accessibility2.pdf)

### Getting the Word Out

<https://2020census.gov/en/how-to-help.html>

### Importance of the Data

<https://2020census.gov/en/census-data.html>

### Impact on the Community

<https://2020census.gov/en/community-impact.html>

**COYOTES:** Coyotes are usually active from dusk to dawn but are sometimes seen during the day. You may begin seeing more of them as the **breeding season for coyotes begin late February and into early March**. They are the largest predators in Illinois and usually hunt a variety of small mammals with small rodents being the primary food source.

- Keep bird feeding areas clean of debris as to not attract rodents which in turn may attract coyotes
- If you see a coyote, face it, make loud noises (clap your hands, bang pots and pans, yell at the coyote). Do not run away from coyotes.

- Store garbage securely
- Feed your pets indoors
- Do not leave small pets like rabbits, cats, or small dogs unattended - especially at night

source: <https://www.dupageco.org/AnimalServices/38890/>



**SKUNKS:** Primary mating season for skunks is February through March. They are notorious for their defensive, and offensive, spraying capacity. They have incredibly accurate aim, and muscles near their odor glands allow them to hit targets from as far away as ten feet.



- Keep yards well lit - skunks are nocturnal & prefer to carry on their activities at night
- Secure garbage cans
- Bring pet food indoors at night
- Remove bird feeders during mating periods
- For fruit/nut-bearing trees, rake the lawn often & keep it cleared
- Install skunk-proof metal mesh around raised decks, porches, tools sheds & other structures skunks could use for shelter

<https://animalcontrolspecialists.com/blog/skunk-mating-season/>

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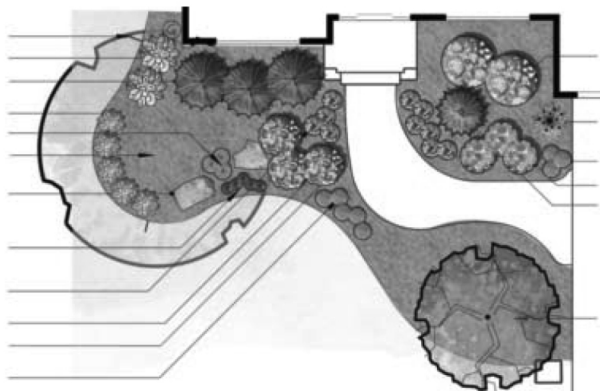


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# The Happy Gardener

Article Source: Annette Carson  
The Growing Place

When it's too cold for planting, plan your dream landscape



## 3 BASIC LANDSCAPE DESIGN PRINCIPLES

**1. Order** - The geometry and design of your home says something about your personality and needs of your family. Are the lines of the architecture of your home straight or curvy? Do you like things to be symmetrical or asymmetrical? Mimic the same order in your plantings. What are the focal points of your front yard and back yard? Is there a path to an entertaining area or an odd space that can be utilized differently?

**2. Unity** - Repetition of color, texture, or form that pulls your overall design together creates a unified, pleasing look. Choose plant colors that complement the colors of your house, front door and trim. Plants offer different textures in foliage, flowers, and bark. Think about materials used for containers, pathways and garden art that also provide color, texture and bring in your personality. The shapes of plants, outdoor furniture, arbors, and planters add form and unite different areas of the yard and home, adding front porch eye catchers and patio conversation starters.

**3. Balance** - Creating an overall sense of equality with the home structure, plants and outdoor furnishings provides a balanced design. For instance, a big house needs bigger plants. Framing plants like trees and shrubs provide structure and background. Smaller shrubs are connecting plants. They bring unity and order when placed in small groupings of odd numbers. Large, sweeping bed lines break up stark lines and corners of house architecture.

When choosing plants, understand and plan for their mature sizes. Know how much sun each place receives and purchase plants with those needs. Consider the water source and your time for maintenance. Make your footsteps green this year and plant trees, shrubs and flowers.

Need some resources? Thegrowingplace.com has an online Plant Search with photographs and descriptions for choosing the right plants for your place. You can build a wish list to have ready for spring planting. It's time to create the retreat you always dreamed of having!

**W**ith snow possibly still in the forecast and spring a couple of weeks away, let's spend time looking at colorful plant photos and garden designs! Take a closer look outside your windows and let hope spring forth. Sure, the architecture of your home is lovely, but what's growing in your yard really grabs attention.

Curb appeal is the view of your home as one drives by, walks on the sidewalk, or pulls up in the driveway. What do you see when you walk to your front door? Could the sidewalk be lined with groundcover and flowers? Do you want colorful annuals in porch pots, shrubs that can handle salt and exhaust, perennials to soften a corner or brighten up the mailbox? We all like to watch and listen to birds in the trees all year round.

You see your yard every day. How is the view from inside looking out different windows? Let's maximize time outdoors and make your yard work for you. Whether you want to create curb appeal, backyard privacy for entertaining, tree shade for kids to play, or dedicated space for organic gardening, now is the time to plan. Here are simple design principles and a few more questions to ponder as you plan your time in your own outdoor oasis.



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