

# PROBLEMSOLVER

LANDSCAPE TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS » BY H. BRUCE HELLERICK

## PROBLEM

Many property owners want to hide their garbage dumpsters, electrical boxes and other infrastructure features from plain sight. There is a right way and a wrong way to provide attractive screening without drawing undue attention to these areas. Unnatural spacing between ornamental plantings is a common issue.



## SOLUTION

Most times doing nothing around these features is the best answer. Doing nothing allows the eye to pass over the feature. Far too many times, contractors add a single line of plants around the outside of the structure. Such a display of neatly pruned or sheared shrubs only serves to draw your eye toward the very feature you are trying to de-emphasize.

A better approach is to install three to five plants in a more naturalized planting scheme. This has the desired effect of allowing the eyes to pass over and through the area. Planting this way makes a necessary but undesirable feature blend with the surrounding landscape.

Every day you see horticultural problems. Sometimes the solution is obvious, but others are much more difficult to solve. Brickman Group Senior Horticulture Specialist H. Bruce Hellerick tackles these issues each month in Problem Solver. He can be reached at [Hellerick@BrickmanGroup.com](mailto:Hellerick@BrickmanGroup.com).

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