

Trellis systems can enhance home exteriors

Homeowners looking for a unique way to accent a single or double garage door now have a decorative low-maintenance option with the Fypon(R) PVC Trellis Systems. Available in two sizes to accommodate either single- or double-car garages, each trellis system kit can also be fabricated to use in alternative settings, such as over home entryways, garden sheds and free-standing garages.



A Fypon PVC Trellis System comes as a complete kit including outlookers reinforced with PVC for durability, attractive beams, lattice and hardware. The PVC pieces come in smooth white that are easy to put together in just a few hours to create an accent trellis for over a garage or home entryway.

The trellis system adds architectural distinction to any home while resisting rotting, decaying, warping, splintering, mildew growth and insect infestation. The low-maintenance PVC pieces may remain white or can be painted or stained to complement the overall style of the home. For details on trellis kits, visit www.fypon.com.

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Tips to protect your pipes from freezing

- Insulate all accessible pipes using pipe insulation (this can be found at your local hardware store).
- Keep all exterior entry, exit and garage doors to unheated spaces closed as much as possible during the winter months.
- Prior to the winter months, ensure that all cracks, holes, and other openings on the exterior walls are sealed tightly with caulk or insulation to prevent cold air from penetrating the wall cavity.
- If the temperature drops lower than usual or you lose heat and any pipes are located adjacent to exterior walls or within base-cabinets or in closets, leave the cabinet/closet doors open or use a fan to increase warm air circulation around the pipes.
- When extreme cold weather is predicted, let all faucets drip to prevent freezing of the water inside the pipe and if freezing does occur, to relieve pressure buildup in the pipes between the ice blockage and the faucet. The pressure buildup is the actual cause of bursting pipes.
- Shut off the water supply during periods when the home may be unoccupied, particularly when colder weather is expected. Be sure to drain your water supply system before leaving the home unoccupied.
- Check for frozen pipes
- Turn on each water supply faucet individually (both hot and cold) to ensure that there is a steady stream of water present. If the flow of water is slowed, or worse, there is no flow, then it is likely that your pipe has frozen.
- Identify the blockage (probably the area of most exposure) and use a blow dryer (do NOT use an open flame torch!) to heat the supply line, leaving the faucet open.
- Continue heating the pipe until there is a steady flow of water.

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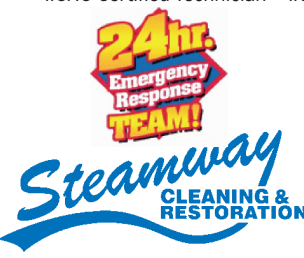
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