

Feng Shui

Create an Inviting Front Entrance

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Red front doors like this Moraga home are considered the best Feng Shui since red is protective and also attracts Qi, or life, towards the home.

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Fall is almost in full swing and here come all the fabulous fall gatherings. With that anticipation of home entertaining, what better time to review the Feng Shui of the powerful front entrance?

In Feng Shui we call the front entrance the “Mouth of Qi/Chi” or the main entryway where the Qi enters the structure. It is akin to the way each of us takes nourishment into our mouths so that our whole body is supported, nourished and fed. Sometimes the front entrance is called the “Doorway to Good Fortune” or the “Doorway of Opportunities” since this is again the main portal of energy into the home.

We also always overlay the Feng Shui Bagua map over the home from the front entrance, even if residents enter most days through a garage or secondary door.

The front entrance of a residence creates a first impression for you, for others, and for unlimited opportunities to come your way. It sets the intention for the rest of your home and every time you drive up to home your house either emanates an aura of success, abundance and pride, or a feeling of disarray, laziness and misfortune.

Think about when you are on holiday and drive up to the entrance of a hotel entrance — what goes through your mind immediately? You look at the maintenance of the building, landscaping, parking lot, the number of staff around, and all of surrounding influences of your first impression. You make many evaluations instantaneously and either you are elated or incredibly annoyed. When the hotel driveway welcomes you with beautiful trees, colorful flowers, a grand water fountain and a friendly doorman, you are happy before you have even stepped foot in your room. It is not a coincidence that most of the building budget goes into creating as lavish a first impression as possible.

In the same way, your home must welcome you, your family, your guests and all of your opportunities with loving, open arms. Before these “opportunities” ring the doorbell, your goal is to flood them with beauty, happiness and harmony. While they wait for you to answer the door, give them multiple reasons to generate positive thoughts about you. Create a home that glimmers and stands out from the rest.

Step outside your door. What do you see? What do you hear? Does the outside of your home emanate beauty? Notice the upkeep of the paint, roof and landscaping and keep in mind that a home that is clean and well cared for leaves a lasting impression. The trees, shrubs, and flowers should be thriving and well-trimmed. A cluttered yard or overhanging, tangled weed growth creates the same sort of stuck Qi (energy) outside in your yard as it does inside (ying) your home. The inside should always reflect the outside (yang) so if it’s neat inside your home, it should be tidy outside in your yard, so balance is achieved and you have an uplifting view of outside from inside your home.

The path leading up to your home must be easily accessible. Clear away bicycles, trash, garbage bins, dead plants, newspapers, water bottles, and repair broken or leaky sprinklers.

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