

A Fall Refresh for your Front Porch

Front porches are one of the best features of southern architecture. It's the perfect space to bring neighbors and neighborhoods together, greet visitors, and toss candy into the buckets of princesses and super heroes on Halloween. It may still be a bit too toasty outside to enjoy your front porch right now, but these tips will have your porch ready in the coming weeks when the temperatures—and the leaves—start to fall.

Autumn Cleaning

As you begin to refresh your front porch, start with a clean slate. In the heat of the summer, many Rock Hill porches end up being covered with a thick layer of pollen, and maybe even some popsicle stains. It's a good idea to hose off your furniture, and you may want to pressure wash your porch floor as well. Next, turn your attention to the ceiling. Now is a great time to remove bugs from light fixtures, and don't forget to sweep cobwebs out of corners, too. (So you'll have a place to put the fake cobwebs in October!)

Door Dreaming

The front door is the true focal point of any porch. One way to make it stand out is with a fresh coat of paint in a beautiful new color. If you need inspiration, take a stroll through Riverwalk. Love your existing paint color? Great! Swapping hardware can also give your door a fresh new look. Finish it off with a beautiful fall wreath or door hanging and a new welcome mat for guests and visitors to enjoy.

Sit Awhile

If you plan to enjoy your porch and the beautiful fall weather with your friends and neighbors, you'll need an inviting place to sit. Nothing says "have a seat" like a porch swing. It's the perfect place to read a book or share a cup of coffee with a friend. No swing? No problem! Just make sure you have comfortable seating and a small table for your glass of iced tea. You can even take your throw pillow obsession to the front porch. Just choose washable fabrics designed for the outdoors.

Gorgeous Gourds

Next month, your front porch will be filled with the flickering light of jack-o-lanterns, but you don't have to wait until Halloween to decorate with pumpkins. These days, ornamental pumpkins come in a wide variety of colors and textures. You can line your porch steps with them or stack them near the front door for a colorful and cozy accent. And don't forget the mums! The bright oranges, purples, and maroons will create instant fall vibes for your home.

Not only will these tips get your whole family in the fall spirit, they are also a great way to stage your home for selling this season. If you're looking to put your home on the market or planning to purchase your own little slice of Rock Hill, give me a call today!