

# The Feng Shui of Front Entrances

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*The inviting front entryway of this Lamorinda home is clutter free, and invites vibrant energy into the home. Photos provided*

With gardens in full bloom, late summer is a good time to step back and analyze the curb appeal of our homes, and the feng shui of the “power area” of the front entrance.

The front entrance is called the “First Pillar” or power area since it is the “mouth of Qi” or “doorway to prosperity;” it plays a huge role in the overall feng shui of the entire home by bringing abundant, healthy, vibrant energy or Qi to the front entrance, and welcoming it into your home and life. If the feng shui at the front entrance is healthy then the entire home will also have ample Qi or energy throughout to nourish the nine life areas of the Feng Shui Bagua map.

First, is the front door easily accessible? If the front door is difficult to locate, then visitors, luck, opportunities and money will also have difficulty finding us. Pretend that you are a visitor and critically analyze the ease with which you can locate your front door. Adding welcome signs with arrows pointing to your walkway leading

to the front door may do the trick, or making sure house numbers are easy to see, but there are other simple, creative feng shui solutions for those homes with hard-to-find front entranceways.

The front door in the front entranceway always resides in one of the three areas along the door wall of the Feng Shui Bagua map: the far left area (Self Knowledge and Cultivation); the middle area (Career and Money); or the far right area (Helpful People). Those three front entranceway areas are ruled by the earth, water and metal elements so having a good mix of these elements near or around the front entrance is good feng shui.

Make sure the front yard and front entrance is neat and clean, free of clutter, debris and broken items, and toss your old welcome mat, replacing it with a fresh one that is functional, clean, and attractive.

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