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mpressor • POWERMATIC Table Saw w/Air Motor • POWERMATIC 13" Planer w/HONDA • MILLER Welder w/Wire Feed SUitcase & Engin Banding Cart w/Air Operated Banding Tool ZENA Belt Drive Welder • OMGA Hyd. Chop Saw • Air Compressor w/Skill Windmill Head • 3 Air Skill Saws • RYOBI Gas Hammer Drill • NEW RED MAX Gas Hammer Drill • NEW Air Barrel Pump • 4 Pallets Air Cylinders • 10,000 Gal Air Tank • Like New - KOHLER 9.5 HP Engine w/ Reduction Gear • NEW 9 HP Vanguard • NEW 6.5 HP BRIGGS w/Reduction Gear • Brilliant 6 HP w/Reduction Gear • Assorted Air Tools & Drills • Floor Scrubber w/LP Engine • Assorted JONSRED & EFCO Chain Saws • NEW USA 29 Pc. Drill Bit Sets • NEW Hand Tools & Wrenches NEW V Belts • A Sizes New Roller Chains • H.D. Drill Press • NEW Wratchet Straps • NEW Brooms . Cases of New Glov

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Large Square Bale Feeder • Hay Saver Feeder • Misc Round Bale Feeders • Drinking Post Waterers • Cedar Posts • 175' Rail Treated Fence • TREE CARE 742 - 4 Spade Tree Transplanter w/Quick Attach • Chicken Nesting Boxes • 250 Gal. Totes • Log Splitter • SEVERAL MISC GOODIE WAGONS

HORSES, CARRIAGES (12) - (0.0) WOOD BOX WAGON.

BRIAN 18 yr old Belgian G lding verv wel broke to farm machinery • JERRY 21 yr old Percheron Gelding, Grey, Very well broke • CLIPPER 11 yr old Standardbred Gelding T.S.S. • NORWAY 13 yr old Standardbred Gelding • TAD 16 weld Scanl Brow Calding Very seed STAR 16 yr old Small Pony Gelding, Very good

babysitter • DUNATHAN & HARD by Birds Wooden Wheel Box Wagon • Yoder's Black Smi Single Buggy • Ind. Style Surrey Style Singl Buggy • PIONEER 3 Seat Buckboard • 2 - A-Welding Road Cart • Mill Creek Pony Wagon Wood Wheel Road Cart • Pony Cart • 1 Horse Cutter Sleigh • Leather Draft Harness Sets Pony Harness • Assorted Horse Tack

BUILDINGS and SHELTERS

 16'x32' Gambrel Style Cabin, insulated and finished, w/2 Lofts
 10'x12' Chicken Shelter 4'x8' Chicken Shelter • 12'x12' Horse Shelter w/ Tack Room • 10'x10' and 10'x20' Quanset Huts • 12'x20' Insulated Metal Building • 40'x80' Tent - No Sides • 12'x18' Greenhouse Frame • 20'x8' Metal Shipping Container • 20'x10' Canopy

 SPORTING ITEMS
 STARCRAFT 14' Alum. Boat w/Trailer, Fish Finder, Trolling Motor • Autopilot Trolling Motor 12' Alum, Boat
 Fiberglass Canoe
 MARLIN 30-30 Cal. Lever Act. Rifle • 12 Ga. Single SHot • BARNETT Crossbow • 6'x6' Deer Blind on Gear • 6'x6' Deer Blind • Pop-Up Blind • 3 - Ladder Tree Stands • Climber Tree Stands Assorted Trapping Si

BUTCHERING EQUIPMENT

• **BIRO** 52# w/Table Plates & Knife • **TOLEDO** Meat Band Saw w/Air Motor • **LEM** 25# S.S. Sausage Stuffer w/MAKITA Battery • LEM 30# S.S. Battery Powered Sausage Stuffer • LEM 10# Hand Crank S.S. Sausage Stuffer • FEDERAL Elect. Meat Slicer • 25 Gal. Kettle w Base • 60 Gal. S.S. Kettle w/Stand • HOBART Mixer & Shredder w/Air Motor

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Tractor & Outdoor Equipment: Oliver 1600 Wheatland Diesel Tractor - 4.3L engine, hydro powerdrive, 3-pt., 2-sets of remote hyd's, p.t.o., 15.5x38" rears 0990 verified hours, #128-102 (1963), very good original condition, sold w/Oliver #1610 hyd. Loader & 5' bucket * 2018 Cub Cadet RZT L ZTR Mower -24 H.P., 52" mower deck w/bagger @ 250 hrs. very good condition * Massey 6' 3 pt. back blade * Craftsman 6.5 H.P., 17" rear tine tiller * Toro #1028 10 H.P., 28" 2-stage snowblower (excellent)

Recreational & Jobsite Trailers: 2002 Keystone Laredo 28' 5th wheel Travel Trailer - Model 28RE roof, A/C, 20' electric slide & awning, all systems functioning well, stored inside, very good condition ^r 1990 Mark Line 32x8[,] Jobsite Trailer - 8x10[,] office, 2-entrance doors, Model#832DA, very good condition Contractor/Shop Tools: Olson 9x12" horizontal metal cutting bandsaw * 175# horned anvil * Dewalt 12" metal chopsaw * Industrial pedestal grinder * 2 H.P. port. Air comp.* Oxy/acet torch outfit * Lincoln 180 amp arc welder * woodworkers table w/wood vise * 6" jointer on stand * 50 amp port. electric distribution unit Bil-Jax scaffolding inc. 3-section w/4-wheels & plank * qty. hand tools & hardware * 4' Portable drum fan Yard & garden tools * 6, 8, & 10' fiberglass step ladders * 2 1/2" thick black walnut wood

- Antiques & Collectibles: Star mercerized 4-drawer thread cabinet * Simplex alum. R.R. jack
- Vintage Arcade Oliver Model 70 cast iron toy tractor * Jennison Hardware. Morse cutting tool tin sign * Thermometers * 25 gal. cast iron footed kettle * Milk cans w/implement seats * Costume jewelry * (100)

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2022 Water Quality Report for the City of Alma Water Supply Serial Number: 0140

in 2022. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and state standards

Your water comes from six groundwater wells, depths ranging from 105 to 162.5 feet and the Pine River as necessary. The Gratiot Area Water Authority (GAWA) treats and softens the well water prior to pumping into the city's water distribution system. The State performed an assessment of our source water to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to "very-high" based on geologic sensitivity, well construction, water chemistry and contamination sources. Well #7 was ranked moderately low. Well #1 was ranked as having a high degree of sensitivity to potential contamination. Newer wells #8, #9, #10, and #11 were installed after the assessment was completed and are currently not ranked

There are no significant sources of contamination to the well field. GAWA has a well head protection program and is in the beginning stages of a major update to the well head protection program.

The Pine River is susceptible to contamination by illegal dumping and runoff and has a susceptibility rating of very high. The Pine River currently serves only as a back-up source in case of emergency. No water was taken from the Pine River for treatment in 2022

If you would like to know more about this report, please contact our Water Department Staff at 525 E. Superior St, (989-463-8349), or waterplant@myalma.org

Contaminants and their presence in water: Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)

Vulnerability of sub-populations: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/Center for Disease Control To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the USEPA prescribes regulations that limit the private account of the private of the private systems. Compared and the private systems disorder account of the private systems disorder and the private systems disorder account of the private systems.

guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Federal Food and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water (800-426-4791). which provide the same protection for public health.

Water Quality Data

The table below lists the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the 2022 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 through December 31, 2022. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

• MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety

- MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- MRDL: Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- MRDLG: Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- TT: Treatment Technique A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- N/A: Not Applicable
- ND: Not Detectable at testing limit
- ppm: Parts Per Million or milligrams per liter
- ppb: Parts Per Billion or micrograms per liter
- ppt: Parts Per Trillion or nanograms per liter

• AL: Action Level - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

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Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Arsenic (ppb)	10	0	1.775	1.6 - 2.0	2022	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.46	N/A	2022	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	0.028	N/A	2022	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium ¹ (ppm)	N/A	N/A	45	N/A	2022	No	Erosion of natural deposits
TTHM Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	N/A	27	N/A	2022	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
HAA5 Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	N/A	5.1	N/A	2022	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine ² (ppm)	MRDL 4	MRDLG 4	1.16	0.75 – 1.63	2022	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Total Organic Carbon	тт	N/A	44% Removal (15% is Required)	36%-58% Removal	2022	No*	Naturally present in the environment
		of 4 hour Ice periods	100% <0.34	0.06 - 0.17	2022	No	Measure of the cloudiness of water due to soil runoff. Used t monitor effectiveness of filtration system.
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Sources of drinking water: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, This report covers the drinking water quality for the City of Alma for the 2022 calendar it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.



Information about lead: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Alma is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you have a lead service line, it is recommended that you run your water for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure, is available from the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Our water supply has no known lead service lines. Out of a total of 3,088 water service lines in the City of Alma distribution system, there are 2,528 water services lines that are of unknown materials. The City is working to identify these unknown service line materials over the next two years. If necessary, replacements of these lines will be over the next 19 years.

Monitoring and Reporting to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Requirements: The State of Michigan and the USEPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2022.

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year as they happen. Copies are available at City of Alma Water Department (989-463-8349) or City Hall (989-463-8336). The report may also be viewed on the city website at www.myalma.org. This report will not be sent to you unless requested.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. City of Alma commission meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:00pm in City Hall. Additionally, the Gratiot Area Water Authority meets the 2nd Friday of each month at noon in the Library. Please check the city's web page for possible date/time changes prior to the meeting date. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the USEPA at http://www.epa.gov/safewater.









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Norway Spruce	10-15″	\$30.00 \$	\$55.00	\$90.00	\$185.00	\$310.00	\$445.0	0		Gray Dogwood	3′+	\$4.50	\$21.25	\$40.00		\$175.00		
Douglas Fir	10-15″	\$30.00	\$55.00	\$90.00	\$185.00	\$310.00	\$445.0	0	<u> </u>	Common Lilac	2'+	\$ 4.25	\$20.00	\$37.50	\$87.50			
TRANSPLANTS	SIZE	EACH	5	10	25		50	QUANTITY	COST	Rose Rugosa	18-24″	\$4.00	\$18.75	\$35.00	\$81.50			
White Pine	15-20"	\$4.75	\$23.00	\$44.50	-	_	205.00			Rose of Sharon	2-3′	\$5.75	\$27.50	\$52.50	\$125.00			
Red Pine	18-24′	\$4.00	\$19.00	\$35.50			147.50			Fountain Grass Plugs		\$3.25	\$15.00	\$27.50	\$62.50			
Blue Spruce	2'+	\$4.25	\$20.25	\$38.50			170.00			Ninebark	2-3′	\$4.00	\$18.75	\$35.00	\$81.25			
White Spruce	2'+	\$ 4.25	\$20.25	\$38.50	-		170.00			Pussy Willow	18-24″	\$4.25	\$20.00	\$37.50	\$87.50			
Norway Spruce	2'+	\$ 4.25	\$20.25	\$38.50			170.00			Butterfly Bush –		\$4.00	\$18.75	\$35.00	\$81.50			
White Cedar	2-3'	\$ 6.25	\$30.00	\$57.50	-		262.50			root stock Trumpet Vine –	_	\$3.50	\$16.50	\$31.00	\$72.50			┼──
Hybrid Poplar	3-4′	\$ 5.00	\$24.00	\$46.00			207.50			root stock		ψ0.00	ψ10.50	ψ01.00	ψ/ 2.50			
Bird & Butterfly Pack Butterfly bush, Lilac,					\$12.00 Rugosa	each				Forsythia	3'+	\$5.00	\$24.00	\$46.00	\$108.75			
DECIDUOUS TREE		-	5	10	25		50	QUANTITY	COST	Elderberry, black	2-3′	\$5.50	\$26.50	\$51.00	\$122.50			
Red Maple	2-3'	\$5.50	\$26.50	\$51.00	\$122.5) \$	32.50	QUARTIT	031	Highbush Cran-	2'+	\$4.25	\$20.00	\$37.50	\$87.50			
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White Oak	2-3′	\$6.25	\$30.00	\$57.50	-	_				Blue Hydrangea	2 + 2'+	\$4.25	\$20.00	\$37.50				
Red Oak	3'+	\$6.00	\$29.00	\$55.50	\$132.5) \$2	252.50			Hydrangea –	2.3'	\$6.00	\$28.75	\$55.00	\$131.25			
Tuliptree	2-3′	\$5.50	\$26.25	\$50.00	\$118.7	5				PeeGee	2-5	φ0.00	φ20.75	ψ33.00	φ151.25			
Mountain Ash	2′	\$3.75	\$17.50		_	\$	37.50											
Sycamore	2-3′	\$6.25	\$30.00	\$57.50	_	_				American Wildflo					\$5.00 oz.			_
White/Paper Birch		\$7.00	\$33.75	\$65.00		_				POLLINATOR PAC					- tablich			-
River Birch	2-3′	\$9.00	\$43.75	\$85.00	_						-100 seeds per packet – hardy & easiest to establish 100 seeds per packet - monarch & Swallowtail with a							+
Hazelnut	18″	\$4.50	\$21.25	\$40.00	_					vanilla fragrance								
Black Walnut Cherry, Wild Black	2-3'	\$6.25	\$30.00	\$57.50 \$57.50	_					Planting Gel – Mix 1 oz. with 1 gal of water Dips app. 50 \$3.50 oz.						<u> </u>		
Magnolia, Sweetbo		\$6.25 \$5.50	\$30.00 \$26.25	\$50.00	-	, 				Marking Flags .25 ea. PLANTSKYDD – DEER AND RABBIT REPELLENT								
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Dawn Redwood	18-24	_		_	5.00 \$9 5.00	3.75				Plantskydd – 2.2 lb. p					\$49.95			
Hybrid Willow	2-3'	\$5.00)6.25				Plantskydd – 1 qt. pre					\$21.95			<u> </u>
Hazelnut	2-3'	\$6.25			7.50	,0.20				Plantskydd - 3 lb. grai	nular shak	er bag trec	its up to 180	0 sq. tt.	\$26.95 TOTAL			_
American Plum	2-3'	\$6.25	_	_		37.50				·	_			ADD 6%	SALES TAX			-
Serviceberry	18″	\$3.50	_	_).00									ADD 070	TOTAL			
VARIETY		FRU	IT MATURIT	Y	EACH		more	QUANTITY	TOTAL	PEACHES - Self-pe	ollinating							
						Cost	er tree			Red Haven			August 5th	\$23		21.00		
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Crimson Crisp – Bud 9/	/EMLA 111	Septem	ber 10th – 2	25th	\$24.00	\$2	2.00			Reliance PEARS		July 25	h – August 13	5th \$23	.00 \$2	21.00		
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Granny Smith –Bud 9/	EMLA 111	No	ovember 5th		\$24.00	\$2	2.00			Benton – Dark Sweet			Mid-June	\$26		24.00		
Enterprise - EMLA 111		00	ctober 15th		\$24.00	\$2	2.00			Montmorency			Mid-July	\$26		24.00		
		+								Planting Gel-Root d	ip – 1 oz	to 1 aallon	of water	\$ 3.50	oz.			

FRUIT TREE INFO

These fruit trees were chosen for our climate because of hardiness. When they arrive they will be approximately 5/8" in diameter and 5-6' tall with lateral branches. They are expected to produce fruit in 2-4 years. They will grow best in full sun and in loamy, well drained soil. Many fruit tree varieties are not self-pollinating, it may be necessary to plant 2 different varieties of tree. Call our office at 989-772-5927 Ext. 3 for more info.

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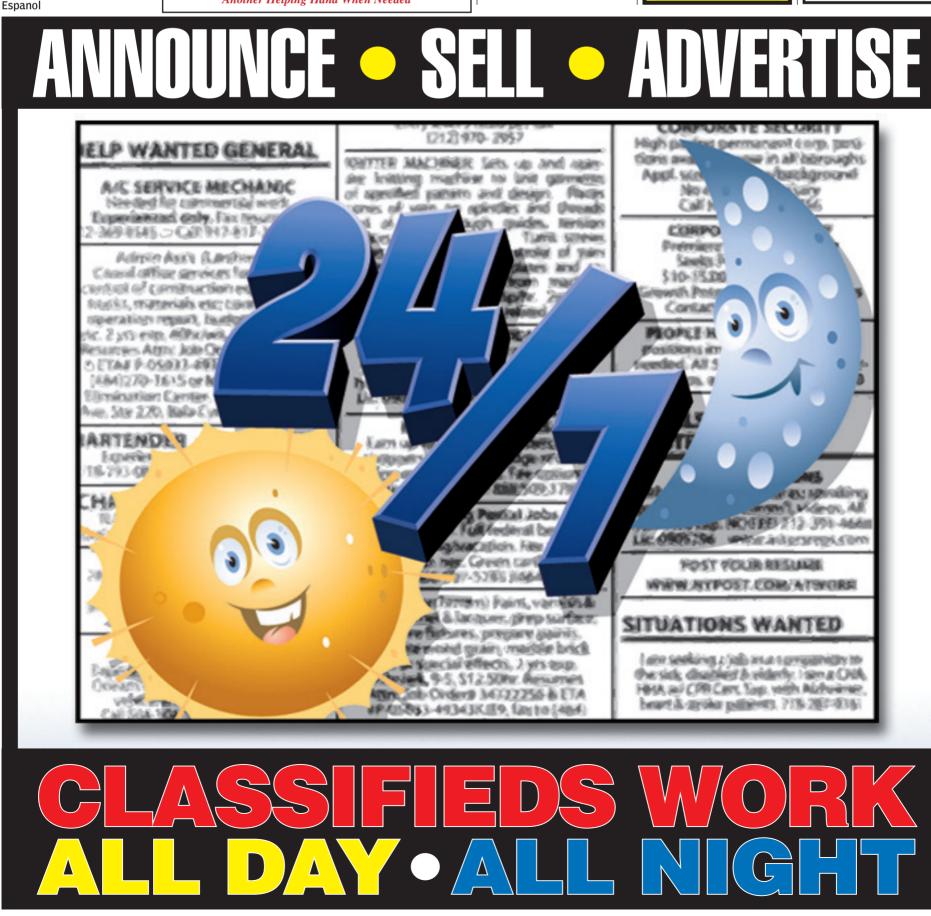
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Budget-friendly ways to freshen up your home's exterior

As any homeowner knows, ren- **Furnished front porch:** A furnished

ovation projects tend to cost a lot of money. The average cost of a home renovation is difficult to gauge, as such endeavors run the gamut from complex projects like a kitchen overhaul to simpler ones like painting a room inside a home. Indeed, the National Association of the Remodeling Industry notes that scope is what drives the cost of a renovation project.

Though there might not be an "average cost" of a renovation project, homeowners can expect to spend thousands of dollars on projects that are not very small in scale. Navigating such an expense at a time when inflation remains high might be difficult for some homeowners looking to maintain the appearance of their home exteriors. However, there are many budget-friendly ways homeowners can tend to the exterior of their properties.

Power washing:

Power washing won't break the bank but it can revive the look of a home. Power washing removes dirt and grime from the siding of a home and a power washing can be used to clean porches, walkways and patios as well. Hardware chains like Home Depot and Lowes typically rent power washers, but homeowners who don't want to do it themselves can hire a professional for a few hundred dollars, if not less. Power washing after winter can be a good idea, as the elements can take a toll on a home's exterior. A good power washing before spring and summer entertaining season can thus give a home a fresh, clean look without breaking the bank

front porch can serve as a welcome sign to neighbors and provide a great place to relax with a morning cup of coffee and a good book. Homeowners with a small porch won't need to bust their budgets to upgrade their front porch furnishings. Some small chairs with bright cushions, a small table and a rug underfoot can revamp an entryway at low cost.

Window box installation: Installing window box planters is another cost-effective way to brighten up a home's exterior. Homeowners can hang window boxes outside windows on the front of their homes and then fill them with brightly colored flowers to add an inviting pop of color to their home exteriors. The experts at Better Homes & Gardens urge homeowners to take weight into consideration before buying window planters. Keep in mind that soil and developed plants can be heavy, so look for a sturdy box as well as one that has drainage holes.

Replace hardware: Another simple way to freshen up a stale exterior is to replace hardware. Door knobs, knockers, house numbers, and even the mailbox can appear dated after a while. Replacing these items is inexpensive and quick but can have a profound impact on how the exterior of a home appears to residents and visitors.

Exterior renovations need not break the bank. Various simple and inexpensive tweaks can quickly revitalize the exterior of a home.

> Story courtesy of Metro Creative Connection



Revitalize your landscape on a budget

Many homeowners think they have to spend tons of green to get green in their landscape, but that isn't necessarily so. Homeowners can improve their landscapes without digging themselves into financial holes. These strategies can help anyone save some cash and still end up with attractive gardens and more.

• Use stones or gravel for a walkway. If commercially installed pavers or cement walkways are not within your budget, there are some affordable alternatives. Flagstone or individually purchased and spaced pavers and pea gravel can be used to create pathways. Some construction sites even offer free stones when asked. Soften the look with moss or other plants on the perimeter.

• Remove some lawn. Lawns can require hours of upkeep that may involve the application of expensive fertilizers and weed-killing products that are not always so eco-friendly. Reduce the size of a lawn by putting in a mixed planting bed of perennials or ornamental grasses, or use landscape fabric and mulch.

• Look for free mulch. Municipal recycling centers may offer residents access to free mulch made from grinding up leaves, branches and other plant debris collected throughout the town. Simply bring a few containers to the recycling center and spread the mulch for an ornamental look or to insulate land-scapes over winter and protect against weeds.

• Repurpose old items into planters. Old wheelbarrows, barrels, watering cans, and other items can be repurposed into container gardening vessels. Figure out if items marked for the garbage bin can be incorporated into garden features instead.

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• Invest in plants that are easy to propagate. Perennials are the gardener's friend when it comes to saving money. These plants sprout anew each year, and many, such as sedum, catmint, ferns, hostas, and blackeyed Susans, can propagate by division. Figure out the best times of year to divide the plants and start growing them in individual containers before planting the sturdy new shoots in the ground. A single variety of plants grouped together in mass plantings is affordable and easy.

• Shop end-of season sales. Garden centers may begin to make room for holiday items come the fall. Take advantage of reduced costs on remaining plants and landscape accessories during this time of year. Plants can be covered or allowed to thrive indoors until they can be planted in the spring.

• Pool your resources. Homeowners planning on a big landscaping or revitalization project may want to speak with neighbors to see if they're interested in doing the same. Contractors guaranteed business from a few homes in the same neighborhood may be willing to negotiate lower prices for the volume of work on things like driveway repaving, deck- or fence-building, or installation of paver patios.

Some handy ideas can help homeowners transform landscapes without spending too much.





Spring activities for

families to enjoy together

Spring is one of the most popular seasons of the year. After several months of chilly temperatures in many regions, spring provides a welcome reprieve from the cold.

Moderate temperatures makes it much more comfortable and inviting to venture outdoors, particularly for families with children who might not adapt to the cold as well as adults. The following are some family-friendly activities that make the most of spring renewal.

Visit botanic gardens

If there's a botanical garden nearby, a visit in spring is a great time to soak in the beauty of nature. That's because an abundance of flowers bloom during the spring, meaning a garden will be in peak form. Visitors can meander through rows of rose bushes or tour the labyrinth of trimmed hedges. Beautiful, flowering cherry trees, with their delicate pink or white petals, also are sights to behold in spring.

Prepare a home garden

Visiting a garden is one thing, creating one at home is another. In addition to planning a vegetable garden to enjoy tasty pickings throughout summer, you can devote some property to flowers that will attract wildlife. Check with a garden center about which flowers and plants attract butterflies and other beneficial insects. Many garden centers sell butterfly and hummingbird mixes to attract wildlife.

Go animal watching

Flowers are not the only thing on display come the spring. Many animals, including birds, are born this time of year. Baby animals are not only adorable, they can be entertaining to watch grow. Families can spend time viewing the animals that visit their yards or surrounding parks, being careful to keep their distance. Adults may be quite protective of their young, so it's better to watch from the lens of a camera or with binoculars. Always resist the urge to help a baby animal who seems like it was abandoned. The parent may be a short distance away gathering food or trying to avoid drawing attention to the young to deter predators.

Get out on the water

A bright, warm day is an ideal time to enjoy the open water. Spring is a season when many marinas reopen and avid boaters put their vessels back into the water. You also can venture into streams or lakes aboard kayaks or canoes, getting exercise and seeing the scenery in the process. Bring a fishing pole along and cast it into the water for a few hours of recreation.

Make wind chimes

Enhance the garden or decor around the home by making wind chimes or other percussion items that can create beautiful music when spring breezes blow. Commercially available kits are sold, but wind chimes also can be made from items like bamboo or even strung shells. These are just a few family-friendly activities to enjoy this spring.



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House powerwashing tips

Powerwashing, also known as pressure-washing, utilizes a high-velocity water spray to remove dirt and residue from the exterior surfaces of a home. It is frequently used on vinyl siding, concrete and sometimes wood decks to treat mildew and other growth that accumulates over time.

Powerwashing can be a great way to remove grime without having to scrub by hand. But it requires a delicate touch to get it right. Sometimes it is best to leave the job to professionals. But homeowners willing to give it a go can try powerwashing themselves, as various stores rent power washers.

The home improvement website ImproveNet says that, until very recently, pressure washers were almost exclusively commercial machines sold to professionals or rented to doit-yourselfers. Lately manufacturers have targeted homeowners looking to buy with lightweight options. For those who see powerwashing as a routine venture, purchasing a unit may be worth the investment.

It is important to exercise caution when operating a powerwashing machine. The high-velocity spray can tear through skin. It is key to get a feel for the washer, and try less pressure first to get a handle on the magnitude of the tool.

Don safety gear prior to using a pressure washer. Gloves, eye protection and ear protection can be handy. Most units will connect to a standard garden hose. Choose old clothing and expect to get wet. Never point a powerwasher hose at anyone and do not attempt to rinse feet or hands in the spray.

The renovation resource The Family Handyman suggests starting with a wide-degree nozzle to test out the spray on the surface that needs to be cleaned. A 15- or 25-degree nozzle is usually the wand for general cleaning and paint stripping without damaging the surface of the home. Experiment with an optimal distance of the washer wand to get the desired cleaning effects without causing any damage. Work using a horizontal and slightly downward angle to avoid driving water up under the siding of a home.

Avoid spraying any electric wires or components on the home. Also, try not to spray upward, and angle the spray away from doors, windows and vents.

Some washers have reservoirs that will hold a detergent solution. Choose the right detergent for the job. Keep in mind that cleansers containing bleach can damage surrounding plants, so they may need to be covered while the washing takes place.

Avoid the use of ladders when operating a powerwasher. The pushback from the wand can cause falls. Instead, opt for an extension wand to address the upper reaches of a home. Powerwashing a home is an effective way to remove stubborn grime and refresh the look of a home's exterior.



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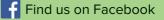
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How to create more privacy on your property

An inviting backyard can serve as a welcome retreat from the hustle and bustle of daily life. After a long day at the office or an exhausting day spent transporting kids to and fro, it's hard to resist the allure of a peaceful outdoor space in which to unwind.

Privacy is a key component of any backyard oasis. Some homes may be so remote that privacy isn't an issue. But many suburban homeowners recognize they might need to tweak their landscapes if they hope to create a private oasis outside.

Fencing or planting?

Most homeowners looking to create more privacy on their property will have to choose between fencing and planting. Fencing provides immediate privacy because, once it's installed, no one can see into the yard. Fencing also doesn't require watering or other immediate upkeep, which will be necessary when planting to ensure tree roots can establish themselves.

But planting has its benefits as well. Planting for privacy is essentially creating a living fence that can grow over time and provide even more privacy as trees reach maturity. Plants also tend to be less costly than fencing. The home renovation experts at BobVila.com estimate that fencing projects typically cost between \$1,667 and \$4,075. However, fencing projects can cost considerably more than \$4,000, especially for homeowners with large properties they want to enclose. Large, mature trees can be expensive, though it's unlikely they will cost as much as fencing. In addition, fencing requires more maintenance and will potentially need to be replaced, while native trees won't require much upkeep and can last for generations.

Planting

Homeowners who choose to plant for privacy will next have to decide which type of plants to add to their properties. Evergreens provide year-round privacy because they don't shed their leaves, so these are the ones most often chosen when creating a living fence. A number of varieties of evergreen trees can do the job, but it's important that homeowners consult with a landscape architect prior to choosing trees so they can ensure the trees will thrive when faced with the growing conditions on their properties. During such a consultation, homeowners may discuss the following popular privacy trees.

• Leyland cypress: The Arbor Day Foundation® notes that the Leyland cypress is popular for hedges and boundaries, likely because a typical tree reaches a mature height of 60'-70' and can spread as wide as 25'. The Leyland cypress grows fast, which may appeal to homeowners who don't want to wait to establish privacy.

• Green Giant Arborvitae: There are different varieties of the arborvitae, but the Green Giant tends to be the go-to option for privacy. The ADF notes that Green Giants will grow up to three feet per year until they reach maturity, providing a fast-growing option for privacy planters. The Green Giant can spread as wide as 20 feet at maturity, which is another attribute that makes it so popular among homeowners desiring privacy.

• Eastern White Pine: The ADF notes that the eastern white pine, which can reach heights as high as 80 feet, is favored in spacious yards. That's likely due to its height and its potential spread, which can reach 40 feet. Homeowners who choose the eastern white pine might like it for its resemblance to a Christmas tree, and in fact it is widely used for that purpose. The privacy provided by the eastern white pine is significant, but it might be best suited to especially large properties.

Whether it's fencing or planting, homeowners have many options to consider as they seek to create more privacy on their properties.



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How to corral spring allergies

Spring is synonymous with rebirth. Each spring, flowers begin to bloom again, grass starts to grow and people from all walks of life rekindle their love affair with the great outdoors. Spring also marks the return of a familiar foe: allergies.

Seasonal allergies can put a damper on even the most welcoming spring day. After all, a day soaking up the sun isn't so relaxing when it's also spent sneezing and confronting allergy symptoms like congestion, runny nose and watery eyes. Thankfully, it's possible for seasonal allergy sufferers to have their spring and enjoy it, too.

 Pay attention to seasonal allergy trackers. Seasonal allergies are now easier to track than ever. For example, Pollen.com is an easily accessible and free site that allows visitors to type in their ZIP codes and access daily allergy reports for their towns and cities. Visitors also can see five-day forecasts that can help them plan trips and other outdoor excursions. Weather.com also offers free allergy reports and forecasts. Individuals with seasonal allergies can make use of these sites and plan their activities based on the information they provide.

• Stay indoors when allergen levels are especially high. The Mayo Clinic notes that there are several things individuals can do to reduce



their exposure to seasonal allergy triggers. That includes staying indoors on dry, windy days. This doesn't mean individuals need to lock themselves indoors all spring. But it's important that seasonal allergy sufferers recognize that some days might be too much to handle. Rain helps clear pollen from the air, so individuals who are avoiding the outdoors on days when pollen counts are high should be able to get outside after a good rain without triggering an attack.

• Maintain clean air indoors. The great outdoors is not the only place where allergens percolate. The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America notes that improving air quality in a home can reduce allergy triggers. Air conditioners can prevent outdoor allergens from entering a home, so utilize units on warm spring days when you might otherwise open the windows. Open windows and screen doors provide easy entry points for allergens like pollen, so turning on the AC when outdoor allergen counts are high can make seasonal allergies more manageable.

• Consider treatments. Over-thecounter treatments like antihistamines, nasal sprays and decongestants provide most individuals with sufficient relief from their seasonal allergies. If OTC remedies are inef-

fective, treatments such as allergen immunotherapy and a consultation with an allergen may be necessary.

Seasonal allergies can spoil an otherwise welcoming spring day. But there are many ways for individuals to corral their seasonal allergies and still enjoy spring sun.

6 ways to make your garden more successful

Homeowners enjoy gardening for many different reasons. In addition to adding beauty to a property, gardens can offset grocery costs by yielding tasty produce. They also offer important habitats and food sources for both insects and animals. While growing a vegetable or flower garden can turn into a rewarding hobby, or even a passion, gardening also can be overwhelming - particularly when the results are less than stellar. Novice gardeners have scores of resources at their disposal, including the advice of gardeners who have made mistakes and learned from them. The following guidance can make home gardens that much more successful.

1. Start small.

You may have visions of an expansive garden growing rows of crops or acres of flowers. But it is smart to start small and build on what you find successful, which includes plants that thrive in your lawn and garden.

This also is beneficial if you are unsure of vegetable yields. Several blooming plants producing bushels of crops can be overwhelming, especially if you can't get to harvesting or cooking them in a timely fashion.

2. Assess the soil.

Plants need nutrient-rich soil to encourage extensive root systems and produce strong, hardy plants, according to the gardening resource GrowVeg. Nourish soil with organic matter, such as manure, compost, shredded leaves, and natural mulch. Add this organic matter in the off-season to give it enough time to be incorporated into the ground before spring. You can have your soil tested for pH and other characteristics that make it friendly or averse to

plants at a local garden center.

3. Arm yourself with knowledge.

Do you know how deeply to plant seeds and how far apart to space plants? Are you aware of the sunlight needs of certain flowers or plants? If not, read the packaging and do your research so your plants have the best chance of not only sprouting, but also surviving. Many people prefer to start seedlings indoors in late winter and then transfer those plants outdoors when they are stronger and more established.

4. Sit in your yard and observe.

Watch the way the sunlight dances over areas of your landscape. Take note of which areas get the most sun and shade. This will help you plan what to plant and where to plant it. Vegetable gardens tend to need ample sunlight to bear pick-worthy produce. You can give plants a leg up by growing them in optimal conditions.

5. Choose hardy varieties.

Certain plants have been bred to thrive in your climate, including heat-tolerant plants for climates with sweltering summer sun. Consult with a local gardening center to figure out which plant zone you are in and which plants will do best within that zone.

6. Use rainwater.

Rainwater contains fewer contaminants and additives than tap water, which can benefit garden plants. Collect rainwater in rain barrels and use irrigation systems to deliver it to the garden.

Home gardens can yield many gifts, from flowers to fruit. Beginners can utilize some time-tested strategies to increase their chances of planting a successful garden.

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Spring cleaning pointers

Spring is a season of renewal. When the flowers are blooming and the trees are budding and the weather is pleasantly warm, people often feel inspired to make changes around their homes. Work may begin with culling belongings and organizing essentials.

There is debate regarding where the practice of "spring cleaning" originated. Some researchers link it to certain religious groups. It has long been an ancient Jewish custom to thoroughly clean a house in preparation for the springtime feast of Passover. The house is scoured to remove any yeast bread, or chametz, from the home. Similarly, members of the Greek Orthodox church celebrate "Clean Week," which is a week of cleaning before Lent. In Iranian culture, families spend days cleaning prior to the Persian New Year, which begins on the spring equinox.

Spring cleaning also has some secular roots. For instance, in the 1800s, Londoners routinely cleared their homes of grime and soot that accumulated over the winter.

Spring cleaning is still a ritual for many today. As people embark on their plans to tidy up, these tips can help them along.

Tackle one big task a day

Who hasn't started one project only to be distracted into moving along to another room? This often occurs when people discover something out of place in one space and then move that item where it belongs, only to find a new cleaning task at hand in that space. Inefficiency can make you give up on spring cleaning prematurely. Agree to address one room/task a day. Keep a basket or box handy to store errant items until you move on to the next room. **Stock up on supplies**

Prepare all of the cleaning supplies in advance. Put together a tool kit of sorts with the equipment you need, including mops, brooms, rags, cleansers, and the like. Organization can keep you on course.

Harness your strengths and weaknesses

Some people clean because they are stressed or angry, others do so to avoid other tasks. Keep personality in mind when establishing a cleaning schedule. For example, clean at night if you're a night owl, or wait until you are feeling antsy before embarking on a "calm down cleaning."

Tackle seasonal chores first

Some tasks need to get done to prepare for the spring and summer season. These may include cleaning the grill and sorting through outdoor furniture and decor. Spring cleaning may involve readying the pool for another year of use, or cleaning out rain gutters to prepare for spring storms. Tackle time-dependent tasks first and then move on to others that are less time-sensitive.

Spread out the work

Some people like to devote full weekends to spring cleaning, but that can be overwhelming for others. Breaking down cleaning tasks into 15- to 30-minute intervals each day can make the job more tolerable.

Spring cleaning season has arrived, and certain tips can make the job more efficient and manageable.

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Earth Day is an annual holiday that has been celebrated since 1970. Despite somewhat humble beginnings, much of the globe now celebrates Earth Day, which this year takes place on Saturday, April 22.

Earth Day has long drawn attention to issues affecting the planet and its climate. The effects of those issues have grown increasingly noticeable in recent years, which makes this Earth Day and all subsequent celebrations an ideal opportunity to celebrate the planet while learning about the many challenges it faces in the years to come. The following are some unique, fun and educational ways to celebrate the planet this April.

• Leave the car at home. Winter weather is a distant memory by late April in many places, making Earth Day an ideal time to travel by foot or by bicycle instead of by car. That's not only fun, but also a great opportunity to learn about carbon emissions. The United States Environmental Protection Agency reports that a typical passenger vehicle emits about 4.6 metric tons of carbon dioxide each year. Vehicles also emit a substantial amount of methane and nitrous oxide. This is why gas-powered vehicles are so often linked to climate change, much of which is driven by greenhouse gas emissions. A car-free Earth Day can be fun and serve as a catalyst for conversation about the effects of gas-powered vehicles on the health of the planet.

• Volunteer with a local environmental organization. Environmental organizations are committed to the ideals behind Earth Day all year long. However, each Earth Day many of these organizations sponsor eco-conscious efforts to help the planet and raise awareness about issues like climate change. Volunteering with a local beach or park cleanup or signing up to walk and raise money for a local environmental charity makes for a fun and educational way to spend your Earth Day.

• Get your hands dirty and plant. The National Forest Foundation notes that planting trees can have a profound and positive impact on the planet. According to the NFF, planting more trees helps forests to sequester carbon, which can have a significant effect on climate change. The NFF estimates that 100 mature trees can remove 50 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent and 430 pounds of pollution from the atmosphere. Even if you can't work with a local forestry organization to plant more trees in a nearby forest, planting native trees on your own property can help combat climate change.

• Involve children in your efforts to combat climate change. Today's adults likely won't be the ones forced to confront the more challenging consequences of climate change. Unfortunately, that cost is likely to be passed on to future generations. That makes this Earth Day a great time to involve kids more directly in efforts to combat climate change. Explain the significance of avoiding the car, volunteering or planting trees in terms that kids can understand, emphasizing that the future of the planet could very well be in their hands.

Earth Day takes on greater significance each year as the effects of climate change become more noticeable. This year the holiday can be celebrated in various ways that are both enjoyable and educational.



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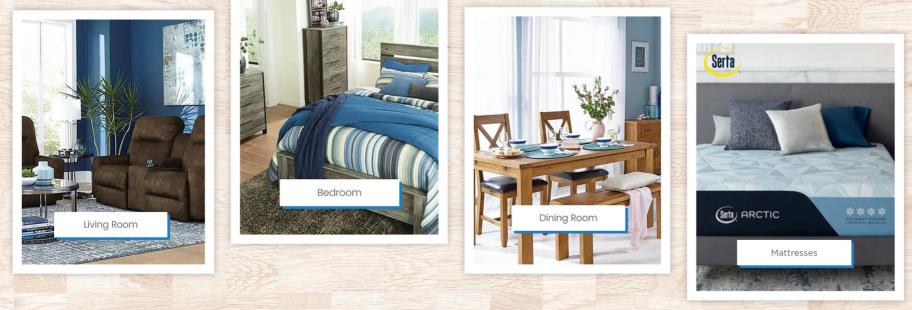




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Simple landscaping strategies that can transform a home's exterior

The interior of a home may be where homeowners and their families spend the majority of their time, and there's no denying that a wellplanned interior goes a long way toward making a house a home. However, the exterior of a home, including its landscaping, can serve as a source of pride and catch the eye of prospective buyers when the home hits the market.

It's easy to walk past a home with an eye-catching exterior and assume the homeowner has a green thumb or has spent lots of time and money working on the landscaping. Though that may be true, oftentimes it's the simplest strategies that make all the difference. Homeowners can keep these strategies in mind as they look to transform the exterior of their homes.

• Dress up the walkway. A longer

walkway can give guests a strong first impression of a home and won't break the bank. Create new planting beds and plant bright plants and flowers along each side of the walkway. If it's necessary and within budget, lengthen the walkway to create the feel of a more grandiose entryway.

• Make things more symmetrical. A messy landscape can give a poor first impression, even if the area features some beautiful plants. In such instances, a little effort to make things more symmetrical, with equal parts grass and vegetation, can create a cleaner, more inviting look.

• Mulch your flower and tree beds. Mulch is a relatively inexpensive but effective way to add aesthetic appeal to a landscape. Freshly mulched beds beneath trees and flowers creates a clean and organized look, and the mulch also serves a practical purpose, as it reduces weed growth and helps the soil retain moisture so plants stay healthy and look better throughout the warmer months when rainfall may not be steady or significant.

• Plant shade trees. Shade trees can be especially useful when selling a home. The shade provided by trees can shield grass from blistering summer sun, potentially helping it stay green. A lush green lawn appeals to buyers and gives the impression the home has been well maintained. In addition, shade trees can be used to create the look of a backyard oasis. A well-placed bench beneath a large shade tree can entice buyers who want a relaxing spot to enjoy warm summer days outdoors without getting a sunburn.

• Consider maintenance. The

more exotic an exterior landscape is, the more maintenance it's likely to require. Lawn and garden enthusiasts may not be turned off by landscape features that require steady maintenance, but homeowners who don't have much time for such work should keep things simple. A poorly maintained landscape, even if it includes exotic plants and elaborate designs, will adversely affect curb appeal. Another feather in the cap of low-maintenance landscape features is they could prove more appealing to prospective buyers, who may view elaborate, exotic landscaping as a lot of extra work they won't want to do.

Some simple landscaping strategies can help homeowners transform their home exteriors without requiring a significant investment of time or money.





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Fun activities to enjoy this spring

With its increased sunshine and warmer temperatures, spring is a beloved time of year. For those who live in areas where the weather changes dramatically throughout the year, spring can be a respite from the snow and also a chance to enjoy the outdoors prior to the arrival of the muggy, hot days of summer.

Families can create a bucket list of entertaining and perhaps educational spring activities. Those who want to try something new can explore these ideas.

• Check out a cherry blossom showcase. Cherry trees are popular and beautiful trees that flower in the spring. Their masses of pink and white blossoms are one of the first signals that winter has ended. Cherry tree varieties bloom over the course of several weeks, and climate will dictate how early or late these trees will showcase their spectacular flowers. Visit public gardens and

cherry blossom displays.

• Watch a sunrise or sunset. Take new environments. advantage of longer days by enjoying nature's light show. Wake up extra early and start the day with the sunrise. If you're not a morning person, then wait until the last of the amber and red streaks light the sky and watch the sun drop below the horizon.

• Fly a kite. There is a reason why the adage "March goes in like a lion and comes out like a lamb" is so fitting. Early spring weather can be gusty and unpredictable. Take advantage of windy conditions by flying a kite by the coast or in an open field.

• Head to a farm. Spring is not only about the rebirth of trees and flowers, but also a prime time for various animals to give birth to their young. A visit to an area farm or petting zoo can be a great way to catch a



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other areas known for their dramatic glimpse of some of these adorable little as they enter and adapt to their

> • Check out a small town. Take a road trip to an out-of-the-way hamlet. Spend the entire day there shopping, dining and supporting a small town community.

Enjoy al fresco dining. While outdoor dining during the pandemic may have been done as a necessity, do not forget how it also can be a relaxing way to enjoy a meal. Find a joy various activities.

restaurant with a particularly scenic backdrop and dine outdoors.

 Visit a thrift shop or flea market. Spring cleaning can serve as the catalyst for people to put items on sale. One person's trash is another person's treasure. Spring can be a great time to shop for antiques as well.

• Go horseback riding. Enjoy the scenery on the back of a majestic mare or spectacular stallion.

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How to protect your car from sun damage

People know to protect their skin and eyes from the sun. Sun exposure can be dangerous for the body, but the sun's rays also can damage automobiles.

Leaving a vehicle exposed to sunlight for extended periods of time increases the risk of damage to its interior and exterior. It's important that car and truck owners recognize this so they can mitigate the potential problems sun and heat may cause. Testing conducted at the State Farm® Vehicle Research Facility found interior vehicle air temperatures have been recorded well in excess of 145 F. Interior surfaces exposed to direct sunlight have been recorded at temperatures in excess of 195 F.

The automotive repair service Fix Auto says the sun's ultraviolet rays can cause the vehicle's paint to peel and fade over time. UV rays break down the molecules in the paint and make it appear dull. The company says red paint is particularly susceptible because red paint molecules deteriorate faster in the sun than other paint colors.

To prevent potential sun-related damage, take these precautions.

• Avoid direct sunlight. Park in the shade as much as possible.

• Crack a window. If it is safe to do so, lower interior air temperature and equalize air pressure by opening up car windows a little.

• Use a windshield protector. Reflect sunlight away and keep the vehicle cool with a windshield sun protector that unfolds and slides into place.

• Use a protectant wax. A layer of wax can offer another layer of protection against the sun's ultraviolet rays.

• Wash the car frequently. Washing and hand-drying the vehicle helps to remove dirt and other debris which can cause micro-scratches in the paint.

• Install seat covers. Seat covers can protect leather and fabric upholstery. A leather conditioner can help prevent cracks and tears from sunlight and heat. These easy steps are simple preventative measures that protect vehicles against sun damage.



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Road trip safety tips

Road trips are great ways to get away from home and see the country. Such excursions enable travelers to get up close and personal with various attractions and afford them a chance to travel at their own pace.

No matter where the road may take you, safety should always be a priority. The home and travel safety resource Safewise reports that car accidents are the No. 1 cause of death in America among people between the ages of one and 54. The Canadian Transportation Safety Board estimates that there are 160,000 car accidents each year in Canada.

When planning your next road trip, these tips can ensure everyone stays safe.

Plan where to get gas

Even the most fuel-efficient vehicle will need to be filled up during long road trips. To ensure you're not running on "E" with no fuel station on the horizon, plan in advance where you will take breaks to get gas. Try not to run under one-quarter tank of gas, and coordinate gas stops with opportunities to recharge and visit restrooms.

Stock the car

Breakdowns happen, even with well-maintained vehicles. Stock an emergency roadside kit and keep it in the car at all times. Kits should include:

- Mobile phone and charger
- Flashlight
- First aid kid
- Jumper cables
- Jack and tire-changing tools
- Flares
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- nonperishable foods
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Keep the number of a roadside service, and phone numbers for emergency contacts in the glove compartment just in case cell phone service is spotty.

Take frequent breaks

Driving while tired is just as dangerous as driving while intoxicated. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, after being awake for 18 hours, the human body functions like someone with a blood alcohol content of 0.05 percent. After being awake for 24 hours, it's equal to 0.10 percent, or the equivalent of a 160 pound man drinking five beers in an hour.

Don't wait to feel tired to pull over. Make frequent stops or switch drivers to give everyone breaks.

Keep weather in mind

Let the season and the forecast dictate your route. Ensure windshield wipers are working and blades are effective. Consult weather forecasts to determine if thunderstorms will be in the area or if it will be especially windy. Never drive through flooded roadways.

Don't forget masks and sanitizer

Traveling during the era of COVID-19 requires taking extra precautions. Wear masks and sanitize your hands during bathroom breaks and rest stop visits.

Road trips are an exciting way to travel. Safety should be part of the planning process.



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The basics of fertilizing a lawn

Spring marks the return of lawn and garden season. Lawns often bear the brunt of winter's wrath, so spring is a great time to nurse them back to health, and fertilizing can be an essential component of that process.

Fertilizing a lawn can be intimidating. An array of fertilizers, with each seemingly designed to address a different issue, can make homeowners' heads spin when visiting their local lawn and garden center. However, fertilizing is a very simple task that any homeowner can tackle. In fact, fears about fertilizing are often unfounded and can be overcome with some basic knowledge of the process.

• Identify which type of grass is in the yard. The home improvement experts at HGTV note that turfgrass is divided into two categories: cool-season grass and warm-season grass. A local lawn and garden center can help homeowners identify which type of grass is in the yard, and this often depends on location. Fescue, bluegrass and perennial ryegrass are some examples of cool-season grasses, while Bermuda, bahia, St. Augustine, and zoysia are considered warm-season grasses. Identifying which type of grass is in the lawn is important because that will indicate when to fertilize. Cool-season grasses are typically best fertilized in early spring, while

warm-season lawns can benefit from an application just before especially warm temperatures arrive.

• Survey the lawn to identify which spreader to use. A small yard or a thriving lawn with only a few bald or unsightly patches may not need a full application of fertilizer. In such instances, a hand spreader can suffice. For larger lawns and areas, a broadcast spreader is the ideal option. Spreaders have multiple settings, and the fertilizer package will indicate which setting to utilize when using the product.

• Test the soil prior to purchasing fertilizer. The lawn experts at Pennington® note that a simple soil test can reveal soil pH and phosphorous and potassium levels. Soil tests can be purchased at most home improvement stores and lawn and garden centers, and they can help homeowners determine which fertilizer will most benefit their lawns.

• Water the lawn prior to fertilizing. The experts at Scotts® recommend a good watering a few days prior to fertilizing a lawn. Such an approach ensures the soil is ready to accept the fertilizer once it's applied.

• Follow the instructions carefully. Detailed instructions are typically provided on fertilizer product packaging. Once homeowners have identified and purchased the product they need, they can simply follow the instructions on the packaging, including how and when to water after application, which can make fertilizing less intimidating.

Fertilizing in spring can help a lawn recover from the previous summer and winter, ensuring it's lush and green when summer entertaining season arrives.





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