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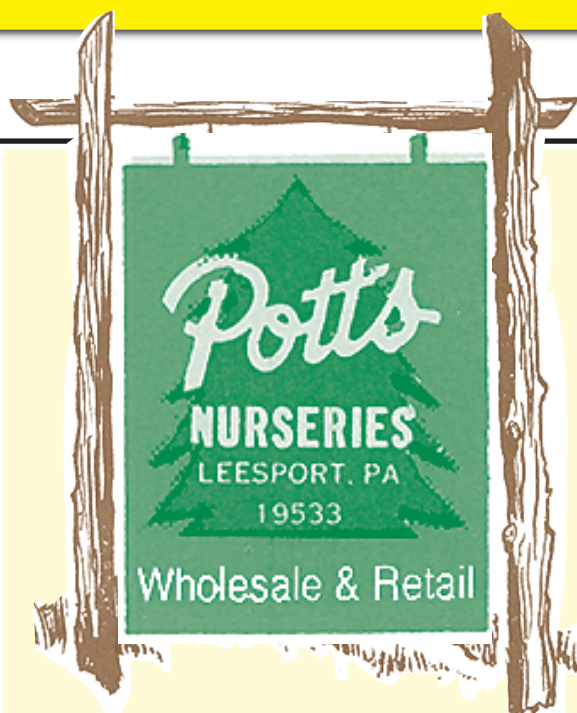
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MULTI FAMILY Yard Sale; 4/30 8am-3pm, 7 Sunset Lane, Hamburg. Plants, toys, clothes, household goods, desk, exercise equipment, books, chairs, pictures.

GARAGE/YARD SALES

Huge Multi Family Yard Sale Fri. April 22nd, Sat. April 23rd and Sun. April 24th starting 7am daily (Rain or Shine) at 112 Main Street and Adele Ave., Blandon, along Route 73, Craftsman 10" Tablesaw; Scotts Spreader; Tools; Children's Toys; Housewares; Archery and Hunting Equipment; Women's Clothing (some new); Canning Jars; Multi Pictures w/Frames; Golf Clubs w/Bags & Carts; plus Much More.

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04-19-16	1212 Old Wyomissing Rd., Reading	G. Miller IV
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Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 10:00 AM
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Check full listing and photos at www.auctionzip.com ID#26695.
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Location: 1736 Rte. 100, Bally, Berks Co., PA 19503. Along Rt. 100 between Hereford & Bally.

Trctrs.: I.H. 1586 dsl. w/cab, heater/AC, approx. 4000 hrs.; I.H. 6788 2+2 dsl., 1696 hrs.; Case 2094 dsl., cab, dual hydr., 2613 hrs.; Case 970 Agri-King dsl., cab, dual hydr., 3339 hrs.; M.F. 1100 dsl., Multi-Power approx. 4000 hrs.; Case I.H. 885 dsl., 2080 hrs.; I.H. 84 Hydro., w/cab, heat/AC, 1657 hrs.; 2 J.D. 4030 dsl., w.f. dual hydr., 2903 & 2941 hrs.; I.H. 584 dsl., 4WD, 8 spd. approx. 3000 hrs.; I.H. 464 3-cyl. dsl., 8 spd., 1474 hrs., w/I.H. 2250 quick-hitch loader & J.D. 1650 rear mnt. backhoe for same; M.F. 65 dsl., 4145 hrs.; Case 1737 gas skid loader, 1529 hrs. **Combine:** N.H. TR70 Twin Rotor Ford dsl. eng. w/4 r. wide corn hd. **Trucks:** 1988 Ford F-800 w/new gas eng., air brakes, 2-spd. rear, 10' steel dump, 33,000 GVW, 58,437 mi.; 1974 Dodge 600 gas, w/14' Eby alum. dump, twin cylnr. hoist, approx. 12,000 mi.; 1960 Chevy C-80 gas dump trk., 2-spd. rear, air assist brakes, w/10' steel body. **Tillage & Planting:** I.H. 60 13-shank Conser-Till plow; Case I.H. 496 21' wing disc; Perfecto 18' 3-pt. field cultvtr. w/roller baskets (like new); Bush Hog 3-pt. 5-shank subsoiler w/depth whls.; M.F. 6-btm. 16" semi-mnt. plow; M.F. 4-btm. 3-pt. 14" plow; J.D. 885 3-pt. no-till cultvtr. w/shields; J.D. 400 3-pt. rotary hoe; J.D. 1550 12-disc no-till pwr. grain drill; Case I.H. 5100 24-disc soybean special grain drill; I.H. 800 Cyclo Air 4 r. wide c. planter w/dry fert. **Haying:** 2 Vicon KM 321 11' disc mwr./conditioners (1 has bad rolls); Kuhn GF 5001 MH 3-pt. 4 Star tedder; Gehl 3-pt. 10-whl. rake; N.H. 57 3-pt. pto. hay rake; N.H. 575 baler w/1/4 turn chute; N.H. 1034 & 1038 bale stacker w/gns. **Misc.:** Rhino 15' pull-type batwing rotary mwr. w/safety chains; J.D. 3-pt. offset flail mwr., Ford 3-pt. 7' sickle mwr.; Fair Mfg. 3-pt. 9'w.x54" h. twin fan snow blower; ARPS 3-pt. 6' snowblower; Gehl Scavenger II 312 side-sling mnr. sprdr.; Farmec & 2 McCurdy gravity box w/gns.; J.D. 10-T. running gear w/Midwest trk. dump body; J.D. 605 5-T. fert. sprdr.; trlr.-type field sprayer w/500-gal. poly tank & 36' booms w/foamers; 3-pt. 60-gal. sprayer; Tox-O-Wick 500-bu. portbl. grain dryer; scale bagger w/2 1/2 T. bin; J.D. 66 & Badger forage blowers; 8"x51' & 5"x30' pto transport grain augers; 9' portable auger; N.H. 50' pto trnsprt. bale/grain elevator; 30' & Smoker 24' trnsprt. elevators w/elec. motor; 40KW pto generator; 7' & ARPS 8' 3-pt. scraper blades; Ford 3-pt. grnd. scoop; 3-pt. hydr. post driver; (2) 7-T. fiberglass feed bin; Rodex 4000 Plus rodent eliminator; complete set of half tracks for Ford or Ferguson; shop-made tandem axle farm trlr. w/ramps; wdn. hand-crank fanning mill; asst. galv. farm gates; barn fas; 500-gal. poly tank; J.D. & I.H. suitcase weights; M.F. 34" trctr. rim; implement tires & rims; 900x20 trk. tires; Steam Jenny cleaner; acetylene torch set; Julius Blum & Co. blacksmith forge w/elec. blower; 40+ blacksmith tongs; hammers, etc.; antique hay hook; endless belts. **Terms:** Visa/MC/Disc, 3% admin. fee, waived for cash or PA check. Out-of-state checks must have bank letter of credit dated specifically for this date. **Note:** Be Prompt! Very few smalls. The Shuhlers have discontinued farming operations & a lot of it is 1-owner equipment.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

1928 PLYMOUTH CPE., FARMALL TRCTR., 1978 GOOSENECK TRLR, BUTCHERING ITEMS; HORSE-DRAWN HUCKSTER WGN., 1-HORSE SLEIGH, FARM ANTQS., GUNS & HH ITEMS Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 9:00 AM

Location: 16528 Pottsville Pike, Hamburg, Berks Co., PA 19526. Along Rt. 61 N. just south of Hamburg. **Items:** Farmall 504 gas, nar. frnt., 3-pt. live pto & hydr., ps; 1978 Chaparel 22' gooseneck trlr. w/ramps & deck over gooseneck, 14,000 GVW; 1928? Dodge Brothers Plymouth Cpe. w/add-on bed, wdn. spoke whls.; horse-drawn huckster wgn.; spring wgn.; 1-horse sleigh; wdn. hand-crank fanning mill; Dynamark riding mwr.; J.D. 5-btm. plow; Ford 101 3-btm., 3-pt. plow; I.H. 8' offset disc; drag harrow; N.I. #7 corn picker; 7' mwr. conditioner; J.D. mwr./conditioner; N.I. hay rake; bale elevator; Bush Hog 3-pt. mwr.; hay wgn.; running gear; 12' farm trlr.; Farmall cultvtr. & c. planter for Super C; bucksaw w/Wisc. eng., on trlr.; bucksaw fits Farmall H; Farmall snow plow w/frame; stalk shredder; whl. weights; Farmall Super H & Super C hoods; Stihl 034, Echo 330 & other chainsaws; weed wackers; air comprsr.; Hotsy press. washer; alum. break; misc. lumber; wdn. wgn. whls.; primitive hay hook; wdn. wgn. jack; wdn. wheelbarrow; potato plows; platform bag scales; CI stock & hog troughs; AMF Fire Fighter pedal car; early metal tricycle; Packard swan hood ornament; oil bottles; split wd. basket; coal oil lamps; red globe lanterns; milk strainer; stainless milk pail; cherry pitter; Coca-Cola Ice Cold red chest soda coller; CI butcher kettles; meat grndr.; sausage stuffer; butchering ladles; scalding troughs; hog carrier; crocks; potbelly stove; wringer washer; Wheeler & Wilson trdle. sew. mach.; wdn. panel shutters. **Guns:** Stevens mdl. 59B 410-ga. bolt w/tubular mag.; Acme 12-ga. S. shot hammer; Stevens mdl. 94 12-ga. S. shot hammer; Bright Arms 12-ga. S. shot hammer; Percussion shotgun; Stevens 22-cal. L.R. pig gun; lawn ornaments; misc. household items; drum set & other farm & home antiques & collectibles. **Note:** Farmall 504 & Gooseneck trlr. are being offered w/seller's confirmation. **Terms:** Visa/MC/Disc, 3% admin. fee, waived for cash or PA check only.

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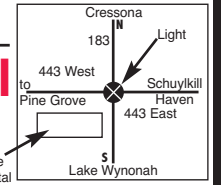


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STRAWBERRY CHOCOLATE CHIP SHORTCAKE

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| 1 C. Sugar, Divided
1/2 C. (1 Stick) Butter, Softened
1 Egg
2 Tsp. Vanilla Extract, Divided
1-1/2 Cup All-Purpose Flour
1/2 Tsp. Baking Powder
16 Oz. Dairy Sour Cream
1 C. Semi-Sweet Choc. or Semi-Sweet Choc. Chips, Divided | 2 Eggs
2 C. Frozen Non-Dairy Whipped Topping, Thawed
Fresh Strawberries, Rinsed & Halved |
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- Heat oven to 350°F. Grease 9-inch springform pan. Beat 1/2 cup sugar and butter in large bowl. Add 1 egg and 1 teaspoon vanilla; beat until creamy. Gradually add flour and baking powder, beating until smooth; stir in 1/2 cup small chocolate chips. Press mixture onto bottom of prepared pan. Stir together sour cream, remaining 1/2 cup sugar, 2 eggs and remaining 1 teaspoon vanilla in medium bowl; stir in remaining 1/2 cup small chocolate chips. Pour over mixture in pan. Bake 50 to 55 minutes until almost set in center and edges are lightly browned. Cool completely on wire rack; remove side of pan. Spread whipped topping over top. Cover; refrigerate. Just before serving, arrange strawberry halves on top of cake; garnish as desired. Refrigerate leftover dessert. Makes 12 servings

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Earth Day!

On Saturday, April 23, 2016

the Tilden Township EAC will be joining Blue Mountain Wildlife in a combined effort to clean up the Kernsville Dam Area and Tilden Township. In order to coordinate this event, please call the Township Office at 610-562-7410 no later than April 20, 2016 to be listed as a volunteer. Individuals and groups are welcome.

This is a GREAT chance for anyone who is in need of community service hours!

We will be meeting at the Kernsville Dam Monument parking lot at 9:00 AM.

Vests, gloves and trash bags will be provided. We hope to see YOU there!!!

Refreshments will be provided.

9 am FREE Coffee and Donuts.
12 Noon - Free Hot Dogs and Soda

Rain Date: Sunday, April 24, 2016

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Sat., April 23, 2016 at 9 PM - Doors Open @ 8 AM
Location: 3418 Reading Crest Ave., Reading, PA 19605.
At Rt. 61 & Tuckerton Rd. intersection at Laureldale Cemetery, turn west onto Tuckerton (towards Riverview Park) & go 0.5 mi. to 1st traffic light. Turn left onto River Crest Ave. & go 0.5 mi. to auc. on right - Watch for signs.
Furn.: Oak dinette set; RT desk, BR set; maple bed/chest; cedar wardrobes; sofa/love seat; trunks; Jewelry: watches inc: 3 Hamilton pocket RR wrist; gold 10/14K rings; sterling pins; costume; RR inc: Reading Co. buckles, tie bars, cufflinks; Masonic inc: Bolas, tie bars/tacks, cufflinks, pins; fire/police pcs; charm bracelets; '64 Kennedy half necklace; compacts. Ants/Colls: 40+ S&P sets; Rdg. beer taps; lamp & bank; CI pcs; fireman jacket/hat; Masonic items; Billy Club/Black Jack; banks; Rdg PA books; Abbott's milk can; silver plate; Pith helmet; fire ext lamp; ad trays; vint Christmas items; wood case radio; Fisher stereo; Glass/China: FireKing; Dep; ruby; 50s; Germany wall clock; Toys: '50s fire eng play set; WU sleigh; accordion; BO'd bartender & police car; Winross's; 30+ dolls; marbles. Train Items: Lionel #2025 eng/tender light; Rdg Lines/Co signs, paperweights, fobs; Conrail conductor lights; Beam train set w/tracks; cig lighters; pics. Appliances: Washer/dryer; kitchen; Tools: mower; ladders; elec; hand. Misc: Canon 35mm cameras; cattle prod; kit items; lots cloth goods; canes; box lots; too much more to list in this HUGE auction!!
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Wed., April 27 2016 at 1 PM - Doors Open @ Noon
Location: Leesport Farmers Market - Diefenderfer Auction Gallery. Rt. 61, Leesport, PA 19533. (Halfway between Reading & Hamburg on Rt. 61, back side of main market. bldg.)
Furn.: Eastlake sofa & server; Oriental chest; cherry 8-pc DR set; primitive blanket chest; mahogany 20s flame 4-pc BR set; 2 DF desks; 5 chests/dressers; 2 vanities; oak stack bookcase; cedar chest; med 3-pc BR set; 50s bar & tbls; 4 floor mirrors; Ants/Colls: Wallis DBL barrel Perc & Ranger 22 cal rifles; ornate lightening rod; 1882 RHS ring; carved bull head; '43 US Navy telescope; mink stoles, coat & hats; beaver coat; Vict cape; butcher items; 20+ lamps inc: Rev painted ceiling, GWTWs, 50s leaded; Clocks: 7' GFs, 2 regulators, cuckoo; artwork inc: 4 Civil War prints, Dieser oil/canvas, Johnson & Saultley water-colors, Vict mandolin girl; cloth goods; porc dolls; hotel room keys; radios; 48 star flags; Playboy (IOBs): Men's jewelry & accys; playing cards; poker chips; Playgirl pcs; Trains: Mantura PARR & Santa Fe passenger engs/cars; Atlas B+O eng/dummy; cars; Plasticville. Glass/China: Kero lamps; Dep; Carnival; Transfer; German/Austrian. Pottery: deco vase; 3 jards; Spatter jugs; crock, jugs & bowls; 96 pcs. Pfaltzgraf. Tools: lg wd chipper; 2 A/Cs; RA saw; eng hoist; welder; SP mower; ant; hand. Misc: radio tbl; OD fountains; animal transports; HH; too much more to list!
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4/19/16, Little Schuylkill Lions Club Longaberger Basket Bingo at New Ringgold FC. Tuesday doors open 4:30, games 6pm. \$20 Tickets: 570-943-2829, 570-449-5817, 570-449-2768.

4/21&25/16, Pioneer Grange: Thursday Community Night Program 7:30, Entertainment: LN's graving Reptiles. Fun fellowship, door prizes, refreshments. Monday: Basket Bingo 6:45 doors open 5:30pm. Tickets: 610-641-0070, 610-682-7077. Both at Grange Hall, Keller St., Tipton.

4/21/16, Berks County Patriots Meeting: Candidates Night. Thursday 6:30-8:30pm. At Leesport Market. All Candidates have been invited. Democracy in Action, Townhall Format. All candidates were invited. Our Meetings are Free: Freedom isn't.

4/21/16, Bern Lutheran Church Berks Festival of Faith Easter-tide Worship Service for people with 'special needs', 6:30pm. 820 W. Leesport Rd., 1 block off Rt. 183 (Berks Heim Rd) Everyone welcome. April birthdays recognized.

4/21/16, Christian Women's Club II of Reading, Second Chance Brunch, Men welcome. 9:15am. The Highlands \$12. Feature: Family Promises of Berks Co. Speaker: Harlow Gordon, "prison to freedom". Gloria 610-777-0580.

4/22/16, Belleman's Church capital campaign fund Elvis Tribute Show & Oldies Dance. Featuring Jeff Krick, 7:30pm. Leesport Farmers Market Banquet Hall. Tickets \$15, 610-926-1089 or 610-926-4506. Available at door.

4/23&24/16, the Old time Plow Boys Club Inc. Spring Plowing Show at Pa German Cultural Heritage Center, 22 Luckenbill Road, Kutztown. Info: 610-683-6408.

4/23/16, MS Walk Team Success With MS Chinese Auction, Sch Mall, Frackville. 10-3, Called @3:30. Proceeds benefit those with MS in Schuylkill County, 570-573-3454.

4/23/16, New Jerusalem Lutheran Church AYCE Chicken Pot Pie Dinner, Saturday 4-7pm. 27 Lyons Road, Fleetwood. Includes vegetable, pepper cabbage, bread, beverage, dessert. \$10 adults, \$6 children 6-12, 5 and under- free.

4/23/16, Ziegels Union Church Tea Luncheon, 12:30pm. Advance tickets needed. Quilt Exhibit, 2pm-4pm. Phone church, 610-285-6157, Breinigsville, off old Rt. 22.

4/23/16, Zion Spies Evangelical Lutheran Church Family Style Pot Pie Dinner & Bake Sale. Saturday 3-7pm. Take out also available. 310 Spies Church Road, Reading. 610-779-1181.

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4/25/16, Leesport Area Historical Society meeting, Monday 7:30 pm. Bethany EC Church, 308 Main St., Leesport. Speaker will be Cathy Wegener from the Berks Heritage Council.

4/26/16, Reading Navy Club Breakfast, 7pm. St. John's Reformed Church, 4001 Penn Ave, Sinking Spring, 19608, Info: 610-929-8343.

4/27/16, Fleetwood Grange Open House, Wednesday, Light meal 6:30 pm Program 7:30pm. Theme: A Day in the Country. Program: History of Hex Signs by Eric Claypoole.

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4/30/16, Belleman's Church Oyster Supper, 3540 Belleman's Church Rd, Mohrsville. 3:30-7pm. Fried Oysters, Oyster Stew, Oyster Pies, Steamed Shrimp, Ham Platters, all sold ala carte. Info: 610-926-0461. Also Hymnsing 2:30. info: 610-488-1400.

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Location: 3322 Friedensburg Rd., Oley, PA 19547, Berks Co. Directions: From Rt. 12 & 73 intersection follow Rt. 73 South for approx. 3 1/2 miles. Turn right onto Friedensburg Rd. to auction on right.

Trks. & Trlrs.: '91 Chevy Topkick w/9' dump, 366 eng., 2-spd. rear, 23,000 GVW, 147K mi.; '86 GMC C-60 w/8'x12' chipper dump body & side tool boxes, 366 eng., 2-spd. rear, 21,000 GVW, 103K mi. (approx. 5K on new eng.); '03 GMC 3500 6.0L 4x4 w/8' dump & 9 1/2' snow plow, Allison trans., 57K mi., (1 owner); '02 GMC 3500 8.1L 4x4 ext. cab w/stake body & toolboxes & 9' Hinker V-plow, Allison trans., pwr. windows, seats, locks, 226K mi. (70K on eng.); '07 Holmes 18' 7000 GVW landscape trlr. w/ramps; Holmes 7'x16' 7000 GVW landscape trlr. w/ramps; Premier 16' tandem axle flatbed trlr. w/beavertail & ramps; '95 Bri-Mar 2000 GVW 6'x10' tilt trlr.; 2 Buyers salt sprdrs. (receiver hitch). **Skidloader & Attachments:** Thomas T243 skidloader w/78" bucket, aux. hyd., rear stabilizers (4100 hrs.); Star 72" grapple bucket (like new); JD pallet forks; Quick Attach. hyd. log splitter - New!; 78" litter bucket; Danuser 3-pt. PTO post hole auger. **Landscaping, Lawn & Garden:** Ferris 3100 ztr 61" mwr. w/bagger - 1282 hrs.; Hustler Super Z ztr 60" mwr. w/bagger - 3090 hrs.; Hustler Super Z ztr 60" mwr. - no bagger; Hustler Trim Star walk-behind 48" mwr. w/like new alum. bagger - 816 hrs.; Wright Stander 48" mwr. w/bagger - 968 hrs.; Blue Bird 20" Thatcher; Brown Bed edger w/8-hp eng.; Troy-Bilt Horse tiller; Little Wonder 5-hp blower; Honda HRX217 21" self-propelled & other walk-behind mwr.; misc. riding mwr.; snowblowers; Groundhog posthole digger w/4 augers (6 1/2-hp); 1 Mikasa, 1 Wacker, 1 Stone & 1 MBW jumping jack tampers; Yamaha 2" water pump; chainsaws: Husquavarna 455 & 55, 2 Stihl 192 climbing saws & others; Stihl, Tanaka, Echo & Redmax weedwackers; Shindaiwa hedge trimmer; misc. leaf blowers. **Construction Related Tools:** 2 shingle conveyor lifts (1 gas, 1 elec.); VanMark 24" alum. brake (like new); alum. coil holder; 14"x24" alum. plank; 2 Tapco siding tbls.; 5-pcs. 6' alum. scaffold planks; stone mortar mixer w/8-hp eng.; 4 Bostitch & Hitachi roofing nailer; Paslode finish nailers; Paslode cordless framing nailer; Bostitch elec. air compressor; Hitachi 12" miter saw; Makita elec. hammer drill - New!; Partner K650 cut-off saw; Milwaukee 28v cordless tools; Milwaukee elec. sawzall; Muller pwr. trowler; 12' pwr. screed - bull floats; Craftsman 10" tbl. saw; 4" jointer combo; Craftsman 16" scroll saw; asst. ladders; ladder jacks; Craftsman tool chest; misc. hand tools, wrenches, etc.; 100-gal. gas tank w/12v pump; 150,000 Reddy Heater. **Misc. Items:** YS110 110cc 4-Wheeler; 90cc Yamaha dirt bike; Carbine 150cc Reverse dune buggy; Skid Of Z-brick; gas FP insert - new!; gas french fryer & more unlisted. **Auction Info.: Inventory reduction auction. The Rotkiskses will continue in business w/lawn care & tree service.** Auction will begin at 9:00 w/tools & misc. followed by lawn mwr. Trks., trlrs. & skidloader will sell at Noon. **Payment Terms:** Cash, approved PA check w/ID, or credit card w/3% fee. No out-of-state checks. Auction Co. & sellers are not responsible for accidents. Auction day announcements take precedence over all advertising. Food stand on premises. Come enjoy your day with us. **Preview Friday, May 6 from Noon till 7 PM.** Plenty of off-street parking.

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How To Tend To An Indoor Herb Garden

Fresh herbs and recently picked ingredients can add flavor to any meal. A home chef can even improve the flavor of store-bought or prepared foods with an herb garnish that can transform otherwise bland dishes into something you'll want to eat again and again.

Harvesting fresh herbs is easy for homeowners who have gardens right in their backyards. However, everyone does not have a backyard, and even those that do might find their gardens threatened by changing seasons or unwanted critters. When gardens are moved indoors, the bounty of fresh ingredients continues no matter the date on the calendar.

Herb gardens are perhaps some of the easiest gardens to cultivate indoors because they don't require large pots or much space. The plants themselves are relatively compact, and it only takes a pinch of herbs to give a meal some extra flavor. When growing herbs indoors, your indoor growing area must have adequate light to simulate the longer days of summer; otherwise, the plants may go dormant. It's ideal to have a southern exposure on the herbs, with at least eight hours of sunlight per day. If you do not live in a particularly sunny locale, consider supplementing the plants with grow lights, which will provide the full spectrum of light the plants need to thrive.

Indoor air can become too dry for herbs, so you will need to compensate by providing humidity. While there may be added humidity in a kitchen greenhouse window, it still may not be enough to keep the plants healthy. Think about misting the plants daily to create some extra humidity, or place herb pots on top of a water-filled tray with pebbles so the evaporating water will add moisture without making the roots soggy. Insects are another threat to indoor gardens because there is no cold weather to inhibit the hatching of insect eggs. Soil from outdoors may be more susceptible to insects that are already living in the dirt. Instead of soil from outside, use packaged soil or a nonsoil alternative that will hold moisture without the added risk of bugs. If small insects appear, use a mist of soapy water to kill the bugs

without harming the plants or making the herbs unfit for eating.

Group herbs together according to their watering needs to make maintenance that much easier. New sprouts generally need more water than established plants.

Prune the herbs as needed for recipes. If the herbs experience



a growth spurt, trim some of the plants and freeze the herbs for later use.

Many indoor herb gardeners begin by growing parsley, chives, oregano, and basil, but you can experiment with just about any herb

A sunny location is necessary when cultivating an indoor herbs garden.



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Homeowners understandably envy the award-worthy photo spreads in lawn and garden magazines, wanting to emulate those same looks on their own properties. Scores of designers and landscape architects are involved in the process of creating those amazing lush lawns and perfectly placed plantings. Although not every homeowner has the budget to create lavish landscape designs, it's still possible for homeowners to create lawns they can be proud of.

- Establish your budget. The first step in any project is to determine how much money you can devote to the job. Once you have established the budget, all other factors can be built around it.
- Find an inspiration piece. Great landscapes are inspired by many things, whether it's a memorable piece of art or a landscape layout in a lawn and gardening magazine. Use photos of other gardens or neighbors' yards as inspiration and build off of them. As long as the theme is cohesive, it will look pleasing to the eye.

Consider the space and how you want to use it. Understanding the space will help you better allocate your budget. If your yard is more of a retreat, look for ways to create privacy and a vacation feel. If you have kids and entertaining friends is a main priority, focus on recreational aspects, such as a pool, playset and some durable plants. Understanding how to allocate your budget will help you to avoid spending money frivolously.

- Think about reclaimed or repurposed materials. Brand new items can quickly eat up a budget. However, repurposing salvaged or inexpensive items can stretch that budget while adding some unique flair to a landscape. See if you can find an outdoor patio set that someone is giving away or selling for a lower price. All it takes is a coat of paint and some new cushions to make it look like new. Discarded bricks or stones can be worked into a patio space or used to create raised garden beds. Purchase inexpensive flower pots and

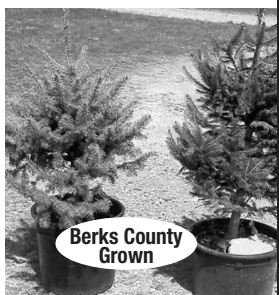
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- Buy native plants. Native plants, shrubs, trees, and flowers will fare better than non-native, exotic plants. That means you'll have to spend less time and money nurturing them into health, and less money having to replace plants that cannot withstand your climate.
- Consider perennial plants. Perennials may cost more at the outset, but the savings will be realized in the years to come.
- Hire a professional. It may seem counterintuitive to spend

money on a landscaping professional when you've established a strict budget, but that's one way to save money. Landscape artists or garden designers have the experience to guide you in the right direction and help you avoid potentially costly mistakes.

- Use gravel in spots where plants don't thrive. Gravel is an inexpensive landscaping material that can fill in voids where plants or ground cover simply do not flourish. Those working on limited budgets may be happy to learn gravel is typically less expensive than concrete or pavers.
- Ask friends or family for clippings. Don't be shy about admiring the plantings of those you know. Flatter their good taste and ask if you can have some clippings to propagate yourself. These clippings can



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Add Curb Appeal To Your Property

Many people are familiar with the idea that a strong first impression can go a long way. While that idea is most often referenced in regard to personal interactions, it's also applicable to real estate.

When selling a home, homeowners who emphasize curb appeal may find it far easier to sell their homes. Curb appeal was one of the most important factors when selling a home. Projects that improve curb appeal can be vast undertakings or simpler projects, and the following are a handful of projects to improve a home's curb appeal that run the gamut from simple to complex.

- Clean up the yard. Cleaning up the yard is among the simpler yet most effective projects to improve a home's curb appeal. When selling their homes, homeowners should clear the yard of any clutter, including kids' toys, grass clippings or items that might be scattered throughout the yard. A cluttered yard suggests homeowners do not care much about their home's appearance, and that may lead buyers to think that indifference extended to maintaining the home's interior as well. Many buyers will ignore properties without any

external aesthetic appeal, but cleaning up the yard does not require much effort or expense on the part of sellers.

- Make the main entryway more inviting. Creating a more inviting entryway won't be as simple as cleaning up the yard, but it can help create a strong first impression without breaking the bank. To begin, remove plants and furniture from the front porch or area surrounding the doorway, as such items can create a cluttered feel. If the front door is old, replace it. Custom doors may be expensive, but they might add the wow factor buyers are looking for. If a new door is beyond your means or just unnecessary, repaint the door, ideally in a color that complements the color of your home and the surrounding landscape.

- Address pavement problems. Paving problems are not necessarily an expensive fix, but the cost of repairing driveways and walkways can add up if it's been awhile since these areas were refurbished. Still, one of the first things buyers will notice when getting out of their cars is the ground they're walking on, so patch and repair or even replace driveways and walkways that have fallen into disrepair.

- Add or upgrade outdoor living spaces. Outdoor living spaces also can set a property apart from others on the market. A recent study from the National Association of Realtors found that buyers would not hesitate to pay asking price for homes with outdoor living spaces. When adding or upgrading outdoor living spaces, try to de-personalize the spaces as much as possible, as buyers want to picture themselves, and not the sellers, enjoying these areas. Include some comfortable furniture, adequate lighting and a dining area in your outdoor living space as well. Curb appeal can add a lot to a home, while lack of such appeal can make a home difficult to sell. Homeowners who want to sell their properties for asking price or more should address curb appeal before putting their homes on the market.

Reduce Pesticide Pollution At Home

Commercial farms are often blamed for the vast array of contaminants that find their way into water supplies and the soil itself. But home-gardening enthusiasts may also be contaminating water and soil through the use of pesticides. Data from Green-NetWorld, an environmental advocacy group, indicates Americans use approximately 2.2 billion pounds of pesticides every year. Pesticide use is a prolific problem. More than 100 active pesticide ingredients are suspected of causing cancer, gene mutations and birth defects. In addition, a growing list of pesticides may disrupt the immune and endocrine systems and have long-term impacts on infants and young children. Research indicates that many pests targeted by pesticides will eventually develop resistance to these pesticides, rendering the chemicals useless.

One way to reduce chemical pollution at home is to find alternatives to pesticides.

- INVESTIGATE REDUCED-RISK PESTICIDES. The United States Environmental Protection Agency is examining pesticides that pose less risk to humans and the environment than existing pesticides.

- USE BIOPESTICIDES. Biological products, also known as biopesticides, can play a role in a more sustainable food chain. These control agents include fungi, bacteria or viruses and can be applied like chemical pesticides but do not leave toxic residues. Furthermore, they are relatively inexpensive to produce.

- LOOK TO THE KITCHEN. Dish soap can be an effective pest killer. Fill a spray bottle with soapy water and spray around the exterior of your

house and on plants that have a pest problem. The soapy water can kill ants and roaches. It also can coat the wings of small flying insects. Catnip is another natural pesticide. Planting catnip in a garden can repel mosquitoes.

- USE EPSOM SALT. Sprinkling this salt on the leaves of plants in the garden can keep away animals, such as deer or groundhogs, that would otherwise devour plants. Epsom salt also can repel beetles, slugs and snails.

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Patio Cleanup For Seasonal Entertaining

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years old, it may need some maintenance to improve its appearance for the new season. Maintenance often depends on the material used. Before starting, figure out what your patio needs and stock up on the supplies. Many patios are poured concrete, and a simple pressure-washing could be all

that's needed to revive the look. Pressure washers can be rented or purchased. If there are cracks or chips in the patio, some minor patchwork may be able to fix unsightly problems. There are fast-dry patching kits. If the patio is especially damaged, it may be in your best interest to simply replace the patio or cover it with a different material, like wood decking.

Some patios are constructed from paving stones. Pavers are usually installed atop a thin layer of sand and then more sand is brushed into the seams between the pavers to set them in place. Over time, the sand may become dislodged causing the pavers to wobble or even grow uneven. Taking the time to brush new sand over a paver patio can keep the stones stable. Because pavers are not a solid surface, weeds can grow in between the stones. Hand weeding and the application of a weed-killing product can help with keeping weeds at bay and from being unsightly. This year, maybe it's not about refreshing the patio but installing one instead. Although many homeowners choose to make

the installation of a patio a do-it-yourself project with fine results, if you have a large yard or an intricate design, you may want to price out masons. These contractors could have relationships with suppliers of concrete and patio pavers, which could save on the cost of materials for the job. Plus you will have the benefit of knowing the work was done correctly.

Now is also the time to wash the cushions to your patio set to enhance your patio decor. Do so on a sunny, warm day to allow the cushions to dry adequately so they won't develop mildew or mold staining and odor. If the cushions look dated or beyond repair, this season could be a good time to head to the store and purchase a new set. Nothing refreshes a patio more than bright colors and attractive accessories. While new planters filled with flowers could do the trick, coordinate patio colors with new upholstery for outdoor furniture, throw pillows and a new patio umbrella to complete the look.

The spring season is the time to refresh the patio by cleaning and updating furniture.

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Identifying Problems That Can Threaten Lush Lawns

Landscaping can be a rewarding hobby that instills a sense of pride in homeowners. Whether you prefer to get your hands dirty planting perennials or devote the bulk of your attention to crafting a lush, green lawn, chances are you will run into a problem during lawn and garden season. Some problems are easy to identify, while others are more complex. The following are a handful of diseases homeowners may encounter when spending time on maintaining their lawns and gardens over the next several months. ANTHRACNOSE is a term used to describe various diseases that produce a host of unsightly symptoms. Those symptoms include tan to brown leaf spots or blotches; distorted, cupped or curled leaves; irregular defoliation, such as leaves

falling in spring; and dieback, a condition in which trees or shrubs begin to die from the tips of their leaves or roots backward. Permanent damage due to anthracnose is rare, but the diseases can weaken trees over time and that can leave them vulnerable to pest infestations. BROWN PATCH is unsightly and most likely to occur during summer. According to the Penn State Center for Turfgrass Science, perennial ryegrass, tall fescue and bentgrasses are the grass species most susceptible to brown patch. When a lawn is suffering from brown patch, its leaves and stems die out in large, circular patches. In high-cut grasses, these patches can stretch from a few inches to several feet. Tall fescue grasses may not exhibit symptoms of brown patch in patches. In such instances, the brown patch may

be noticeable on individual leaves that feature tan or light brown lesions, and the Center for Turfgrass Science notes that these lesions will be surrounded by dark brown borders. DOLLAR SPOT: The American Phytopathological Society notes that dollar spot refers to a disease of the leaves of turfgrass. Grasses suffering from dollar spot will have white to straw-colored lesions that progress downward from the leaf tip or laterally across leaf blades. Leaf blades affected by dollar spot may have several small lesions or one large lesion, and in some instances, the entire leaf blade may be affected. Turfgrass affected by dollar spot may be susceptible to weed invasions. SUMMER PATCH is most common in warm climates and is characterized by yellow to straw-colored patches that can be several inches or several feet in diameter. According to Scotts Lawnservice, summer patch is often linked to shallow root systems that result from poor soil conditions. Large swaths of grass suffering from summer patch can be an eyesore, appearing as though the grass has burned under the summer sun. Lawns, gardens, trees and shrubs are susceptible to the elements. Identifying lawn diseases quickly can help homeowners find solutions before the problems escalate.



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Why Hiring A Landscaper May Be For You

The majority of homeowners want their properties to appear as appealing as possible. While many homeowners want to be proud of their properties and come home to a welcoming home each night, the benefits to maintaining landscaping go beyond the notion that well-cared for lawns make for more comforting retreats. Because numerous variables, including landscaping, influence property values, it's difficult to assess just how much the property values of homes with impressive landscapes are influenced by those very landscapes. Indeed, studies have produced varying results regarding the effect of well-landscaped homes on property values. But what many studies have shown and what many realtors indicate is that impressive landscaping adds a significant amount to property values, with estimates suggesting landscaping increases home values by anywhere from 5 to 20 percent. Such estimates are good news for homeowners, and they also highlight the stakes involved when making landscaping decisions. Homeowners with green thumbs may embrace the challenge of revitalizing their lawns and gardens, but many, especially those pressed for time, can benefit greatly from working with professional landscapers. WHY HIRE A PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPER?

Maintaining a property requires more than just mowing the lawn every couple of weeks. Even homeowners committed to making their properties as pristine as possible can run into problems when adverse weather conditions pose a threat to lawns and gardens. The following are just a handful of reasons why homeowners may find working with landscaping professionals is the best thing for their properties and their bank accounts. • Professionals understand the local climate. Experienced professional landscapers will understand the local climate and the challenges it presents to your lawn. Experience can prove invaluable as lawns battle adverse conditions that threaten its survival. While homeowners going it alone may struggle through a trial and error period as they try to address problems threatening their lawns, experienced professionals are more likely to identify the problem immediately, providing a ready solution that can prevent potentially costly repairs down the road. • Professionals can provide inspiration. In addition to maintaining properties, many landscaping professionals have vast experience improving properties through landscape design. Professional landscapers may

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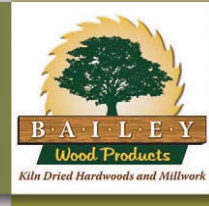
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have a host of ideas for your property that you would never think of. Homeowners with little to no lawn and garden experience may not realize all the things they can do with their properties, and those who go it alone may end up with unappealing landscapes that do not attract buyers' attention when the home hits the market. Professionals typically have a wealth of ideas and, perhaps more importantly, they understand which ideas will and won't work on a given property. • Professionals can remove some of the stress of managing landscaping projects. Homeowners know that home improvement projects, whether they are addressing home interiors or exteriors, can be stress-

ful. Professional landscapers typically have a network of professionals, including contractors, who they have worked with in the past. Such connections can ensure more complex projects that require both landscapers and construction contractors go as smoothly as possible. In addition, homeowners who receive contractor recommendations from their experienced landscapers tend to rest easier knowing the people working on their properties have already developed a rapport and established a successful track record working together. Professional landscapers can be just what homeowners need to turn their properties into appealing oases no buyer can resist.



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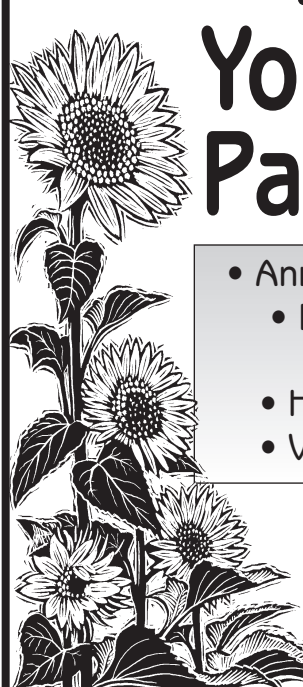
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How To Approach Buying A Pool Or Spa

Many homeowners feel pools or spas are must-have features as they attempt to turn their

homes in their own personal oases. The decision to get a pool or a hot tub is not one to

take lightly. Significant purchases, pools and/or spas can affect the value of a home and also require various safety modifications. Taking a thoughtful approach when considering adding pools and/or spas to their homes can help homeowners rest easy knowing they made the right decision.

- Do your research first. When making any decision, it's best to be well-informed. Read reviews on products and find out the base prices of certain pool models so you'll have a system of comparison. Choose the type and size of pool you want. Other factors, such as the material used in the pool (i.e., concrete, metal, fiberglass, or vinyl) and filtration methods, also can affect the price, so consider each of these factors carefully before making your decision.

- Determine why you want a pool or spa. The type of pool or spa you ultimately choose should depend on how you plan

to use the pool. If you want a pool mainly for family entertainment, then you may want to add mood lighting or special landscaping features. If you simply want something in which you can cool off, a basic model may be most practical. If your spa is intended for therapeutic purposes, look for ones with multi-positional water jets or other specialized features. Don't fall into the trap that a large pool with a deep diving area is best. Young children and many adults do not frequently use the deep end, and you may end up with wasted pool space.

- Find a good time to buy. Fall and winter are some of the best times to get deals on pool and spa equipment because it's no longer prime swimming season. However, there are deals to be had come early spring as well. Retailers may deeply discount last year's models to make room for new inventory. You always can negotiate if the price is just a bit beyond your

reach. Retailers may be motivated to make sales in the off-season, so try to use that motivation to your advantage.

- Recognize there will be extra costs. Some retailers sell pools and spas but do not arrange for installation. Realize that an inground pool will require excavation, and your yard may need to be regraded to allow for rain run-off. Electricians and landscapers are some additional costs to factor in. Make sure you understand the bigger picture and account for the total cost of modifying the yard.

- Inquire about insurance. Speak with the pool installer about any liability and compensation insurance they may carry

to protect you in the event of an accident during the installation of the pool. Reputable builders should be fully insured.

- Learn about zoning laws and other ordinances. Rules regarding pool placement and size will vary depending on local laws. Always consult with the town's municipal office and get the proper permits. Otherwise, you may face fines and be forced to spend more to fix problems that need to be addressed.

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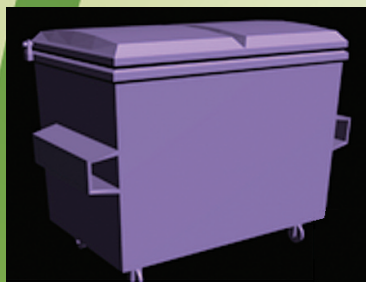
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Summer heat can be harmful in various ways. People and pets can quickly succumb to the summer sun, which can cause sunburn, heat exhaustion and heat stroke when people and their animals spend too much time outdoors without adequate protection. Landscapes are also vulnerable to summer heat, which can quickly spoil the most lush lawns and robust gardens. Effective watering can help lawns and gardens withstand summer heat, but improper watering can deprive landscapes of the water they need to survive. Home-owners concerned about their lawns and gardens surviving the summer

can take the following approach to conserve water, save money and maintain their landscapes. • Start early. Homeowners may feel that the hottest times of the day are when lawns and gardens will be most in need of water, so that's the best time to set sprinklers or grab the hose and get to work. But in many areas, watering between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., when summer temperatures tend to peak, can be both wasteful and ineffective. That's because watering between those hours will cause much of the water to quickly evaporate, robbing lawns and gardens of the water they need to withstand the heat. Homeowners

who water when water is most likely to evaporate may feel they need to water more, and that only wastes water. It's best to consult a local landscaping professional in your area to determine the best time to water each day, but in many regions the best time to water is between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m., when temperatures are generally lower, the sun is not at its peak and winds are not as strong. • Place sprinklers correctly. If you do not have an in-ground irrigation system and don't intend to install one, you will likely use lawn sprinklers to water the lawn. When placing these sprinklers, turn them on and then document their trajectory before moving on to the next area. You want to make sure the water from the sprinklers is not landing on sidewalks, patios or streets, especially if your community typically institutes drought restrictions that limit how much you can water. In such instances, you'll need to make the best use of the water you're allowed to use, so make sure none of it is watering the driveway. • Let well-fed lawns go dormant during drought. Lengthy droughts tend to be accompanied by water restrictions, and such restrictions can frustrate homeowners who don't want to see all of the hard work they've put in to this point go to waste. But grass that has thus far been well cared for can withstand drought and still recover when rains once again fall and temperatures cool come autumn. If you plan to let the lawn go dormant, keep kids, pets and visitors off the grass, as dormant lawns are highly susceptible to damage. Summer is an enjoyable time of year, but lawn and garden enthusiasts may be concerned for their properties when summer heat sets in. A few simple strategies can help lawns make it through the season



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How To Take Care Of Your Trees

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- Prune at the right time. The Arbor Day Foundation® notes that pruning during dormancy (i.e., winter) is the most com-

mon practice. Pruning in late winter, after the season's coldest temperatures have passed, can lead to impressive and healthy growth in the spring. The ADF advises that some trees, including maple and birches, may bleed sap during pruning. But this is normal and should cease as the tree starts to bloom. Novice landscapers should confirm with landscaping professionals about the best time to prune trees on their properties to ensure they are not inadvertently harming the trees or making them more vulnerable to fungus.

- Use appropriate tools. When removing branches, use sharp tools to minimize damage to the bark. The ADF notes that young trees are best pruned with one-

hand pruning shears with curved blades. For trees with high branches, use a pole pruner or hire a professional tree service. Novices should avoid anything too risky when pruning their trees, leaving the more difficult jobs to the professionals.

- Follow the rules of pruning. When pruning trees, the ADF advises homeowners follow the one-third and a quarter rules of pruning. In adherence to these rules, no more than a quarter of a tree's crown is removed in a single season, and main side

branches are at least one-third smaller than the diameter of the trunk. When trimming deciduous trees, homeowners should never prune up from the bottom more than one-third of the tree's total height. Finally, where possible, homeowners should aim for side branches that form angles that are one-third off vertical to form 10 o'clock or 2 o'clock angles with the trunk.

- Water correctly. Like lawns and gardens, trees need water to thrive. Insufficient watering can make it hard for trees to thrive in summer, but overwatering can be harmful, too. The ADF suggests that watering each tree for 30 seconds with a steady stream of water from a garden hose equipped with a diffuser nozzle should be sufficient. Newly planted trees may need more help as they try to establish deep root systems, so consider laying mulch around newly planted trees. Mulch helps the soil retain moisture and form deeper, stronger root systems.

Trees maintenance should be a priority as homeowners once again start tending to their lawns and gardens. More information about caring for trees is available at www.arboday.org.



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property that can affect their views or their adjoining property. Before drawing up fence plans with a contractor, talk to the neighbors on either side of your home and gauge their receptiveness to a fence. At this point, you may want to consider offering to make the fencing project a joint deal to save money should the neighbors decide to install a fence as well. Contractors will often discount if they have several customers doing an installation at the same time. Property owners can save by splitting the costs of the shared walls of the fence where their property lines meet. Explain your case for the fence. Most neighbors are receptive to the idea if they know the reasoning — especially if the desire for a fence is not to keep them at bay. It's hard to protest a fence that is a safety precaution for children. If your neighbor already has a fence, you must ask whether you can connect your fence panels into the support post on your shared side.

Once you notify your neighbors as a courtesy, there are certain steps to take that will prevent any legal disputes down the road. Even the most easy-going neighbor could grow aggravated if the fence is put up carelessly or ends up partially on his property. The best way to prevent this is to

apply for a new, professional property survey and have property lines indicated with paint or wood markers. Each town or city has different regulations with regard to fencing, so it is important to learn the ropes or hire a contractor who is familiar with the rules. It might be



illegal to install fences directly on the property line. The law might require the fence be installed a few inches inward. There also may be rules about how high fences can be in the front of the home, sides and back. Corner lot properties may have added regulations depending on whether the fence could prove a visual obstruction to drivers. If you live in a planned community, or one with a homeowners' association, it is your job to find out the guidelines for any home improvements. The HOA may dictate the style, size and maintenance of the fence or may not allow a fence at all. Once all the details are checked, you may have to apply for a fence permit. This way the construction of the fence and finished product will meet safety

standards, and the area in which you live can provide consistent quality control. If the fence is installed by code, there is little chance it will have to be torn down or changed in the near future. Also, doing it by the book means that a neighbor can be unhappy about a fence but not have legal recourse to ask you to remove it. As an added form of courtesy, it is proper fence etiquette to put the "good" side of the fence facing the neighbors' yards. That means the side of the fence that doesn't show the support panels and posts. Remember, it is your fence so you are also responsible for all maintenance of the fence, on all sides. Just because your neighbor also will be benefiting from your fence, doesn't mean he will have to care for it.

Embrace Greenscaping For A Healthy Lawn

Lawn and garden enthusiasts are often on the lookout for new trends that can make their lawns and gardens healthier and more robust. One trend that has gained considerable popularity in recent years is the move toward greenscaping, a set of landscaping practices that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says can improve the health and appearance of lawns and gardens while protecting and preserving the planet's natural resources. **WHY GREENSCAPE?** While the opportunity to protect and preserve natural resources is reason enough for many lawn and garden enthusiasts to embrace greenscaping, there are additional benefits to turning a landscape into a greenscape. Greenscaping promotes the planting of native plants, which are already accustomed to local climates and therefore do not require as much time and effort

to care for than non-native plants. Non-native plants may struggle to adapt to foreign climates, requiring homeowners to water them more frequently than native plants. And homeowners who plant non-native plants can expect to spend money to ensure they survive. So non-native plants can waste water and also cost homeowners time and money. **HOW CAN I GREENSCAPE?** Planting native plants is just one element of greenscaping. The following are a handful of additional ways men and women with green thumbs can turn their properties into healthy green-scapes. • Build and maintain healthy soil. The EPA notes that a single teaspoon of healthy soil contains roughly four billion organisms. These organisms help create a loose soil structure that promotes strong, healthy roots. In addition, healthy soil recycles

nutrients for plants while protecting them from certain pests and diseases. One way to create healthy soil is to conduct a soil test to determine if it has any nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium or lime deficiencies. Another way to build healthy soil is to add compost when mixing top soil for new garden beds or plants. Among its many benefits, compost can help soil retain nutrients and water. • Water effectively. Lawns and gardens need water to thrive, but overwatering can be just as harmful to lawns as drought. Make a list of the types of plants (including the types of grass) in your yard, and then do your homework to determine how much water each plant needs. The EPA notes that vegetables and other annuals should be watered at the first sign of wilting, while perennials typically only need water if they are still sagging when temperatures

cool in the evening. Trees and shrubs with fully established roots usually do not require any watering, though they might need some in years that are especially dry. Avoid watering in mid-day, when summertime temperatures are typically at their hottest and water is likely to evaporate. In addition, watering in the evening may encourage the growth of mold or disease, so water in the early morning. • Practice "grasscycling." When mowing the grass, leave clippings on the lawn (though not in large piles dumped from buckets attached to the mower). It's a misconception that grass clippings contribute to the buildup of thatch that blocks water from getting to the soil. In fact, when clippings are left on the lawn, the soil recycles the clippings into fertilizer. Leaving grass clippings in the yard after mowing can contribute to a healthier lawn.

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6 Steps To Creating Fairy Gardens For Kids

Gardening can be an enjoyable activity for adults and children alike. Gardening encourages creative thinking and can make for an eco-friendly activity as well.

Adding a touch of whimsy to gardening can make it that much more attractive to children. Perhaps that is why fairy gardens have become so popular among youngsters. Fairy gardens can be designed in outdoor gardens or in containers that children can nurse and enjoy indoors. Here are six steps to get your fairy garden up and running.

1. Choose your container or location. Decide where to place the fairy garden. Hollowed-out tree stumps are both contained and outdoors, and kids may feel like the fairies inhabited this



neglected area of the yard and made it their own. Otherwise, use containers you already have, such as old pots, hanging baskets, picnic baskets or cookie tins. Wooden birdhouses with their roofs removed also can make for clever places to house the gardens. 2. Choose a theme. Fairy houses can take on any theme their creators prefer. Themes help children decide what to include in their gardens. For example, a seaside retreat may work well with little reclining chairs, sea grasses and succulents. You can then complete the theme by adding some seashells and colored stones. 3. Draw up your design. Before securing anything in the container or digging into your garden bed, sketch out a garden design. This gives you an idea of how the finished product will look. Even before planting, gen-

erally place plants and other components in their spots and move them around accordingly until you find the desired look.

4. Include similar-needs plants. Mixing plants that have different requirements can make it challenging to care for the fairy garden, so select plants that require similar levels of sunlight, prefer similar soil conditions and require roughly the same amount of watering. Herbs are a smart choice because they stay small and are easily maintained.

5. Don't forget a fairy dwelling. You will need to add a house for the fairies to inhabit. Small birdhouses can work, but you also can consider old teapots, bird-nesting boxes or even homemade houses assembled out of bark and twigs. Use your imagination and the garden will take on a life of its own.

6. Invite the fairies. Children can invite fairies to take up residence (fairies often show up at night and tend to remain unseen), or children can create their own fairies using craft materials. Fairy gardens are a fun way to introduce children to gardening. Once families get started, they may want to create entire fairy villages.

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The arrival of warmer weather means different things to different people. Some anticipate opportunities for outdoor fun, while others may be considering redecorating or remodeling their homes.

Flowers and plants: Spring and summer call to mind beautiful blooming plants. Relying on native, sustainable plants is practical, environmentally friendly and cost-effective. According to the National Wildlife Federation, sustainable plants are native plants. Native plants sustain local wildlife more effectively than non-native alternatives, so include native plants in your sustainable garden. Native plants also are less reliant on pesticides and herbicides to keep them healthy and viable. Don't forget to bring plants indoors as well. Even though you may be opening the windows more, indoor plants can filter and purify indoor air. The NASA Clean Air Study, led in association with the Associated Landscape Contractors of America, found that certain common indoor plants naturally remove toxic agents such as benzene, formaldehyde and trichloroethylene from the air. Efficient air cleaning is accomplished with at least one plant per 100 square feet of home or office space.

Before discarding something, see if it can be donated or sold. This will result in fewer items ending up in landfills. Exercise caution outdoors as well. Runoff from cleaning products used on home siding or driveways can leach into the surrounding soil or find its way into sewage drains that ultimately direct fluids to public waterways. Choose environmentally responsible products whenever possible. Springtime renovation and cleaning projects provide the perfect opportunity to adopt eco-friendly practices that pay dividends for years to come.



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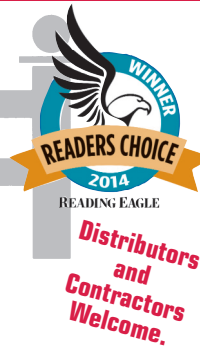
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Make The Most Of Mulching

Lawns and gardens can often benefit from the laying of mulch. Mulch serves various purposes in lawns and gardens, and many experienced lawn and garden enthusiasts lay mulch to ensure their properties make it through spring, summer and fall unscathed. First-time homeowners with little or no landscaping experience may not understand the benefits of mulch, which can be used to strengthen soil and protect properties from the elements. WHAT IS MULCH? Mulch refers to a material spread around or over a plant to enrich and/or insulate its soil. Many homeowners prefer mulch made of wood chips, which is both effective and readily available. The U.S. Environmental Protection

summer, need light to grow. When laid correctly, mulch deprives weeds of the light they need to grow. Organic mulches can even provide homes for crickets and a type of beetle that feed on weed seeds. Mulch also can deter harmful pests depending on the type of mulch homeowners choose. When purchasing mulch, homeowners will have to choose between the aforementioned organic mulch or man-made mulches, which may be made of plastic or rubber. While man-made mulches may repel pests, they also can have adverse effects. Plastic, for example, can heat up in the summer and cause plants to burn. Certain organic mulches can repel insects that can threaten plants. That's because the majority of organic mulches increase the



Agency notes that organic mulches, which include leaves, wood chips, compost or grass clippings, can be used by homeowners who want to develop eco-friendly landscapes. WHY MULCH? Mulching can benefit plants around a property in various ways. Many people lay mulch because the mulch helps soil retain moisture in the summer, when temperatures tend to be at their hottest. This can help plants survive summer heat waves. Mulch also can be used to suppress weeds. Weeds, which steal moisture plants need to build strong roots and survive

amount of beneficial bacteria in the soil, and they also increase the presence of helpful insects that do not pose a threat to plant life. Those helpful insects help keep harmful insects at bay. Compost is a type of organic mulch that may attract harmful insects. While that does not mean homeowners should shy away from using compost as mulch, they should know that they may need to employ organic insecticides to combat their unwanted guests. Mulch is a potentially valuable tool homeowners can use to improve the look and health of their properties.

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