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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.; horsedrawn huckster wgn.; spring wgn.; 1-horse sleigh; wdn. hand-crank fanning mill; Dynamark riding mwr.; J.D. 5btm. 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 shreder; whl. weights; Farmall Super H & Super C hoods; Stihl 034, Echo 330 & other chainsaws; weed wackers; air comprssr.; Hotsy press. washer; alum. break; misc. lumber; wdn. wgn. whis.; primitive hay hook; wdn. wgn. jack; wdn. wheelbarrow; potato plows; plat-form bag scales; Cl 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 & Gooeneck trlr. are being offered w/seller's confirmation. Terms: Visa/MC/ Disc, 3% admin. fee, waived for cash or PA check only. Auct: CLARENCE N. SHIRK Auction For:

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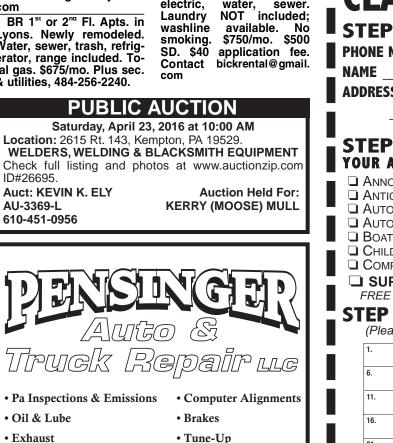
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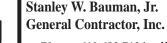
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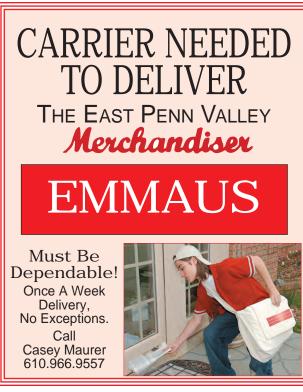
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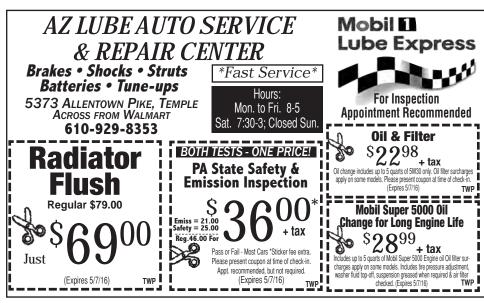


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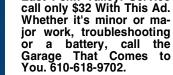
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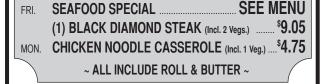






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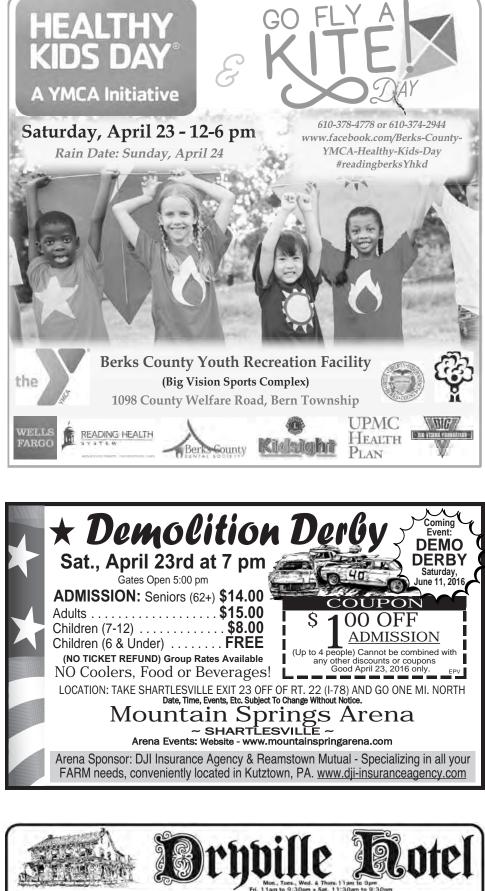




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4/20/16, Emmaus Historical Society Monthly Meeting, Wednesday 7pm. Meeting andprogram: original pictures presentation. At St. John's 5th & Chestnut Sts.

4/21&25/16, Pioneer Grange: Thursday Community Night Program 7:30, Entertainment: LN's graveling 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., Topton.

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, Kutztown Women's Connection Men Welcome On the right track Dinner Party, Janelle Restaurant, 6:30pm. \$14. Feature: WK&S RR, Kempton. Speaker: Harlow Gordon, "prison to freedom". Cheryl 610-683-7247.

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, Lehigh Masonic Lodge Bluegrass at The Lodge: 2120 Rt 100 Macungie. Feinberg Brothers with Bluegrass Express. Doors open at 5pm, show at 6pm. Chester 610-845-3215

4/23/16, New Bethel, Frieden's & Jerusalem Red Churches of Kempton Chicken Pot Pie Dinner, Saturday 5-7:30pm at Kempton Rod & Gun Club. Benefits local food banks & charities. \$9, under 5 is free. Tickets: 610-756-6875.

4/23/16, St. Paul's Lutheran Church Kutztown University Alumni Jazz Band, Swing Into Spring, 7pm. 117 E Arch St. a free will offering, refreshments served.

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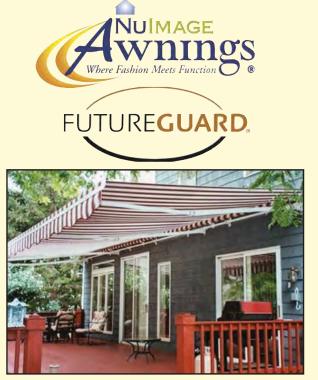


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How To Tend To An Indoor Herb Garden

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

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

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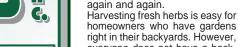
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right in their backyards. However, everyone does not have a backyard, and even those that do might find their gardens threatened by changing seasons or unwanted critters. When gardens are moved indoors, the bounty of fresh ingredients continues no 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; oth-erwise, the plants may go dor-mant. It's ideal to have a south-are experience to be been with ern 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.

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

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Reduce Pesticide Pollution At Home

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•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 pesti-cides 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 exte-rior 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 pesti-cide. 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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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 ref-erenced 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 indiffer ence 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 liv-ing spaces, try to depersonalize 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.





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Create A Budget-Friendly Home Landscape

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 want to vou use 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 vou 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 then paint them to make them look like stone or another desired material.

· Buy native plants. Native plants, shrubs, trees, and flowers will fare better than nonnative, 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.

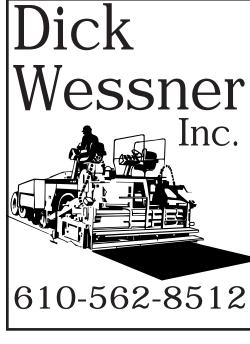
Consider perennial plants. Perennials may cost more at the outset, but the savings will be realized in the years to come.

· 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 admir-ing the plantings of those you know. Flatter their good taste and ask if you can have some clippings to propagate yourself. These clippings can turn into lush plants in no time, with no additional spending required. With some frugal spending, planning and budgeting, anyone can create a beautiful landscape.







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ness to a fence. At this point, you may want to consider offering to make the fencing project a zjoint deal to save money should the neighbors decide to install a fence as well. Contractors will often discount if they have sever-al 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 Inlines indicated with paint or you may have to apply for a mean he will have to care for it. e-Subscribe to the East Penn Valley or Northern Berks Merchandiser at: www.windsorpress.com

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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 communi-ty, 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 main-tenance of the fence or may not allow a fence at all.

Once all the details are checked,



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 fac-ing 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 benefitting from your fence, doesn't mean he will have to care for it.

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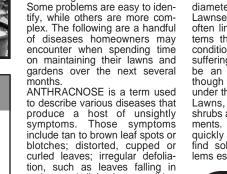
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trees over time and that can leave them vulnerable to pest infestations.

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

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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 wellcared 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 mak-ing 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 prowill fessional landscapers 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

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Professionals can provide inspiration. In addition to main-taining properties, many landscaping professionals have vast experience improving properties through landscape design. Professional landscapers may 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 stressful. Professional landscapers typically have a network of pro-fessionals, 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 recommen-





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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 nonnative plants. Non-native plants may struggle to adapt to foreign climates, requiring homeown-ers to water them more frequently than native plants. And homeowners who plant nonnative 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 greenscapes.

Build and maintain healthy soil. The EPA notes that a single teaspoon of healthy soil contains roughly four billion

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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, potassior lime deficiencies. um 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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Outdoor entertaining is a primary component of the warmweather season. Individuals flock to their backyard patios and decks to barbecue or simply soak up a little sun.

Over the course of the fall and winter your patio may have expe-rienced some wear and tear. Or if the patio is several 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-ityourself 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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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, gently 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

are easily maintained. 5. Don't forget a fairy dwelling. You will need to add a house for the fairies to inhabit. Small bird houses can work, but you also can consider old teapots, birdnesting boxes or even homemade houses assembled out of bark and twigs. Use your imag-



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

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How To Take Care Of Your Trees

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 onehand 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.

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 homeowners should never prune up from the bottom

How To Approach Buying A Pool Or Spa

should depend on how you plan to use the pool. If you want a pool mainly for family entertain-

• Follow the rules of pruning. When pruning trees, the ADF

ized features. Don't fall into the trap that a large pool with a deep diving area is best. Young chil-dren and many adults do not frequently use the deep end, and you may end up with wasted

• 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 bit beyond your reach. Retailers may be motivated to make sales in the offseason, so try to use that motivation to your 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.

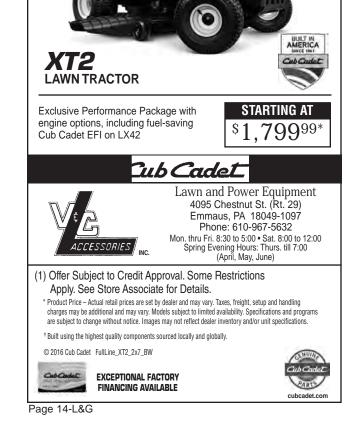
• Water correctly. Like lawns and gardens, trees need water to thrive. Insufficient watering can make it hard for trees to thrive in summer, but overwatering can be harmful, too. The ADF suggests that watering each tree for 30 seconds with a steady stream of water from a garden hose equipped with a diffuser 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.arborday.org.

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





The majority of grass species have chlorophyll to thank for their appealing green color. Chlorophyll is a bright pigment that absorbs both blue and red light especially well. But chlorophyll largely reflects green light,

ment, 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 multipositional water jets or other special-

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

Did You Know....

green plants use sunlight to synthesize foods from carbon dioxide and water. According to LiveScience.com. chlorophyll molecules absorb light and then transfer that energy to special molecules that, when stimulatmay face fines and be forced to spend more to fix problems that need to be addressed.

Pools can be entertaining additions to a home. When considering the addition of a pool to their properties, homeowners should take their time and make sure it's the right decision for them.

ed, fire off electrons that produce chemical changes in the plant. That chemical energy is ultimately turned into sugar. highlighting the essential role that chlorophyll plays in lawns survival.



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which is why the yards and fields we spend so much time in are green. And chlorophyll does more than influence the color of grass. Chlorophyll also plays an important role in the process of photosynthesis, during which





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plants sustain local wildlife more effectively than nonnative 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.

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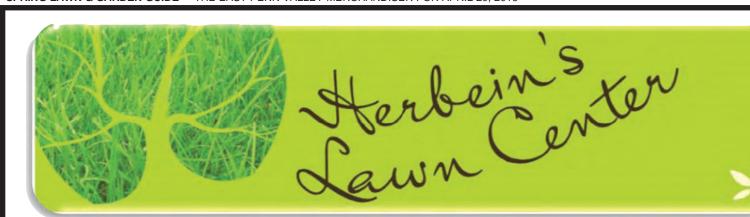
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