

1990 Garden calendar

JANUARY

- winter snow covers and acts as a protecting blanket, after shovelling pile the extra snow over sensitive plants
- gently shake snow from branches, don't try to remove ice from branches, mother nature will melt it later
- use urea (de-icer) to melt ice near your lawn or garden plants
- inspect your houseplants for invading insects and apply insecticidal soap for healthy natural control
- bring in potted bulbs and place them in a cool sunny spot
- houseplants filter toxins from your household air.

FEBRUARY

- don't forget to re-cut the stems of your roses every other day for long lasting flowers at Valentines
- time to start a garden planner. Include a plant list of trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals, plan your garden early
- get a head start and select your seeds early and plant
- it's a good time to transplant your houseplants. Use a soilless potting soil blended for your plants.

MARCH

- check for mice, and rabbits in your garden, this is when they do the most damage when your protection starts to wear
- free gardening classes Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Bring all your gardening questions and let Tom Cavan help you with all your gardening ambitions
- time to prune fruit trees, late season flowering shrubs, small fruits, Weeping Mulberry, Flowering Crabs, etc.
- plant flower and vegetable seeds, feed houseplants.

APRIL

- take a walk in the garden and check the following
- remove all mulches from roses and perennials
- prune roses (not climbers), start feeding evergreens

- apply cygon to your birch to control leafminers
- it's time to start planting
- plant for your children's Celebrate Earth Day.

MAY

- apply spring lawn food with weed control
- fertilize bulbs and allow leaves to build food storages
- prepare garden soil for vegetable and annual plants
- plant trees, shrubs, evergreens, perennials, etc.
- it's a good time to dig and divide older clumps of perennials
- make sure you protect them from the heat.
- always plant during the cool part of the day, never expose roots to the dry wind and heat of the day

JUNE

- now frost is over and you can safely plant annuals, pinch an inch off your annuals 10-12 days after planting
- prune evergreens, hedges and spring flowering shrubs
- fertilize flowering shrubs and trees (all deciduous)
- mulch your plantings for moisture, temperature and weed control
- watch for insects and diseases, spray as required and use safe organic controls whenever possible.

JULY

- plant a tree for Canada!
- fertilize annuals, perennials, vegetables, planters and hanging baskets to keep them flowering all summer
- pinch an inch off your annuals 10-12 days after planting and after every flush of finished flowers
- raise the cutting height of your lawn mower to 3" - 3 1/2"
- relax and enjoy your garden

AUGUST

- plant during the cool part of the day and mulch
- prune climbing roses and clean early flowering perennials
- remove old raspberry canes

- after harvesting
- watch for pest problems, use organic controls
- sow new lawns or over-seed your existing lawn, water well 30 minutes per sprinkler position on new seed

SEPTEMBER

- the kids are back in school!
- Free garden classes Tuesday evenings, 7:30 p.m. Bring the whole family and learn a healthy hobby
- dig and divide perennials harvest seeds from your plants
- ideal time to plant, the air is cool and the soil is warm
- World Flowering Bulb Week - let us all participate!
- good time to repair the lawn with grass seed

OCTOBER

- clean out annuals and plant bulbs, tulips, crocus, daffodils
- dig and store tender bulbs i.e. dahlias, begonias, gladioli
- turn in manure and bonemeal into your gardens
- you can still plant as long as the ground isn't frozen
- time to prepare a hole and fill it with straw if you plan on using a potted living Christmas tree and recycle your tree

NOVEMBER

- hill roses and mulch tender exposed perennials
- soak soil around evergreens and this year's plantings
- protect trees and shrubs from rodents
- pot bulbs for forcing indoors
- use antitranspirants to protect your exposed evergreens

DECEMBER

- Christmas in the country
- reduce watering of indoor plants
- plants make great gifts and they're good for indoor environments
- Merry Christmas.
- If you have any questions call the Grapevine Hotline - 519-833-2117, or write "The Town Gardener, RR2, Erin, Ont. NOB ITO.

Bedroom should be comfortable

If you're like most people, you spend about a third of your life in your bedroom.

For that reason, you want your bedroom to be as comfortable, relaxing and inviting as possible. It's one room where you don't want to skimp on furnishings.

While most other rooms in new homes are shrinking in size, master bedrooms (along with kitchens) are actually getting larger during this period of high building costs. More and more master bedrooms are going beyond their primary functions and are also serving as quiet havens for reading, watching TV or just plain relaxing.

The secret of a well-planned bedroom is to use space wisely. For example, built-in storage or specially sized chests that fit under the bed free up precious floor space for an easy chair, an exercise corner or a mini-office.

Lighting is another important consideration. Choose draperies, blinds or shades that allow you to easily control natural light. Invest in good bedside lamps.

Another need to consider is acoustical control. That's why a noise-absorbing suspended ceiling is an ideal choice for bedrooms.

Such acoustical ceilings are not only practical; they're attractive as well. For a striking contemporary look, you might select white acoustical panels and a black metal support grid. If you prefer a softer look, you can get a matching white grid or wood-grain grid.

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