

Light up the outside of your home for the holidays

This holiday season, make a great first impression on family and friends by sprucing up the outside of your home.

The lighting team at Canadian Tire offer the following ideas for outdoor decorating and installing outdoor lights:

 An exciting new way to decorate doorways, railings, fences, pillars and columns is to use garland lights, which feature clusters of lights.

 Use ribbon lights to accent special features of your home like the roofline or pillars.

• For a versatile lighting option, try rope lights. They can be bent or shaped to fit virtually any application.

· Create the effect of a cascading waterfall of lights by hanging icicle lights along your roofline.

· Decorate trees and bushes on your lawn with net lights for a more tailored look.

- Liven up your yard with bright illuminated figures. Choose from a variety of shapes including angels, reindeers, Santa or a moose.
- To create an eye-catching look that kids will love, place an 8-foot tall inflatable Santa or snowman on your front lawn.
- Test your lights before installing them. If electrical products are frayed or worn, replace them.

 Avoid a shock by replacing bulbs when the lights are unplugged.

· For easy installation of outdoor lights, use the appropriate clips or hooks. There are all kinds of different clips available, depending on the application. They will help to give a more professional look.

· Do not secure wiring of a light set with staples or nails, or in a manner that could damage the wire insulation.

 Always run electrical cords across the top of doorframes. Never run an electrical cord across or through doorways, as people may trip on them.

 To reduce the risk of overheating, replace burned-out bulbs immediately.

 When using a ladder outdoors, always have someone "spot" or steady the ladder on the ground while another climbs. Check for icy or slippery patches

before climbing.

 Use appropriate extension cords that can withstand outdoor wear.

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...and the inside too

ecorating the home is one of the key activities at the top of the 'to do' list to get ready for this special time.

There are many colour combinations that you can use to create holiday magic in your home. Colour preference is really a matter of personal choice. The first step is to pick a colour scheme that will work well with your home décor. This year's popular colour themes are:

 Holiday jewel – a new theme that incorporates deep rich purples and blues to create an elegant yet traditional look.

• Copper sheen – a wonderful new look to give a dramatic glow to your home.

 Burgundy/gold – a look that adds a majestic, Victorian touch.

• Silver/blue Jack Frost theme - creates a more contemporary, magical feel.

 Ivory/gold – a classic and elegant look.

 Ice/white/pearl - brings the dazzle and sparkle of newly fallen snow into your home.

Festive Decorating Tips

· Create a co-ordinated look by matching your tree skirt, stockings, table runner, and other home décor items.

· Instead of tinsel, try layering ribbons to dress up your tree - mix a mesh silver ribbon layered over top of a solid silver ribbon to create a striking look.

 Plant amaryllis, paperwhites and hyacinths bulbs in an indoor planter and decorate with a festive bow to add a vibrant accent to any room.

 Use ribbons and bows to create dazzling wreaths, candles, mantels, gifts, etc.

 Add a warm, natural feel to your home by accenting staircases, mantels, fireplaces and doorways with wreaths, swags and garlands.

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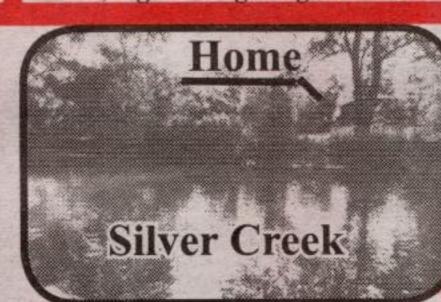
Halton Hills: \$114,900 & \$119,900 2 treed 1ac lots backing onto conservation. Excellent wells. Paved rd. Hwy 7, W of Acton past Dublin L to T L, right & right again on TL.



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Norval:1+ac on Credit River & Silver Creek overlooking River &

Nature lover's paradise!! ~ 5 minutes from 401, just W of WC & N of Hwy 7. Walk to Ecology Centre! Adjacent to rarely used baseball diamond. -10 yr old, 4+1 bdrm, 4 washroom, custom, all brick home on awesome ac bordered by the Silver Creek & Credit River. Open concept. Walk-outs from DR & LR to deck



Creek. Hi-efficiency natural gas furnace, municipal water, gravity septic system. Central vacuuming, security & intercom systems. Mature walnut, maple, willow & popular trees adorn the property.



Erin: Unique, on private 2ac w pond

Spectacular, open concept, 4 bdrm, 3WR, 2 car gar on gorgeous 2 acres with pond. Bright inviting foyer. LR with French porcelain/cast iron wood stove o/l DR w custom oak servery. Hardwood floors. Kit o/l solarium & fam rm w pine plank floors, FP & r/i wet bar. Solarium w w/o to sun porch. 9' ceilings. MBR with opulent 5 piece w



whirltub & sep shower. Loft/studio with wide-plank wood floor, wet bar, wood stove, w/o to deck w separate staircase. Landscaped. Circular driveway. Located 5 min from Erin on paved road.



o/l solarium & Family rm Inglewood, Caledon: 5bdrm, 1.5 acre

Exquisite Alba Stone brk, 5 bdrm, 4+washrm, 4 car gar on 1.5ac w municipal water & nat gas! Granite, ardwd & ceramic floors. Grand foyer with granite floor & finely crafted solid oak staircase w open risers & twin balconies spanning 3 floors. Open concept LR, raised piano conservatory & DR. Kit with large breakfast area

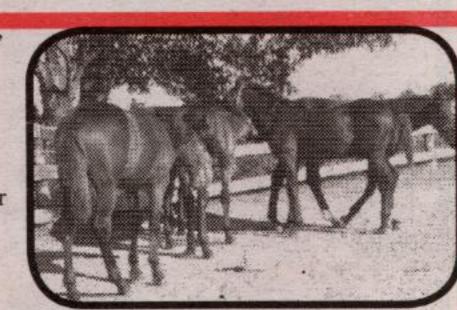


with coffered ceiling, wall of windows & gas FP. Huge MBR w opulent ensuite & w/o. Low "E" vinyl windows.1000+ft TREX deck with spa. Gorgeous landscaping. Fab views. 20 min to airport.



Caledon: 19726 Mountainview Rd.

'Dream with Me Stable One of Caledon's finest thoroughbred/standard bred race horse facilities with ~ 49 stalls (24 of which are inside an indoor arena), 4 large barns & a new office/lab/breeding barn. 3 tracks (5/8 mile oval thoroughbred track nside standard bred track & a 900 metre straight track with a slight rise), a 6 horse computerized



walker/runner, many oak & electrical fenced paddocks, 2 wells, 3bdrm, 2x4pc house & 2 staff trailers. 2 road frontages. Gently rolling land with unobstructed view. Mountainview Road, S of Hwy 9.

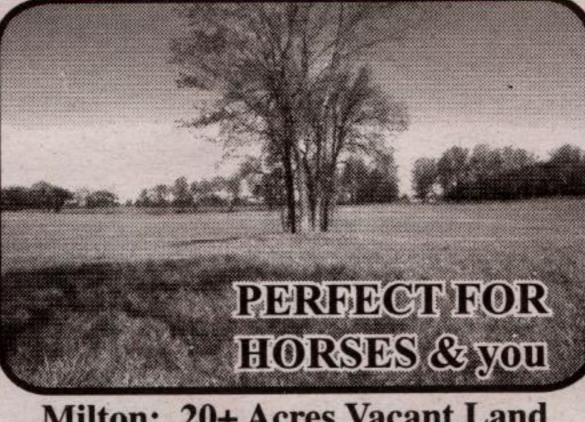


Erin: First Line, 98ac with 2 barns

Scenic, rolling, arable land with creek, pond & 5+ ac of bush. Nicely set back from a quiet rd is this 7yr old (2700+sqft (2) "Shouldice" Stone raised bungalow. Great kitchen w walk-in pantry, hickory cabinets, center island & eating area with walk-out to pool. Solid vinyl windows. 3 car garage (2 in tandem). 2 front doors, 1 to lower



level. In-law potential. Heated, i/g fiberglass pool + hot tub, separately fenced. 2 steel barns(1 open span), with hydro & water, suitable for horses. Low tax. A perfect place to raise a family.

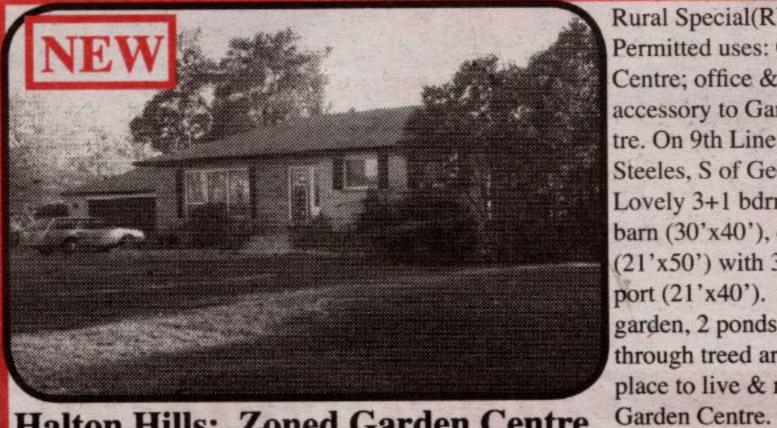


Milton: 20+ Acres Vacant Land

20+ gorgeous gently rolling acres located on a quiet road with quick access to Guelph Line. Just 15 min North of 401 at Guelph Line. 4 tree lined fields. Frontage: 871.4' by 1009.5'. Suitable for estate home or equestrian facility. Drilled well (2001), ~ 20 gal/min. Partial driveway. Site plan available for home, 2 barns, arena & 6 pad-

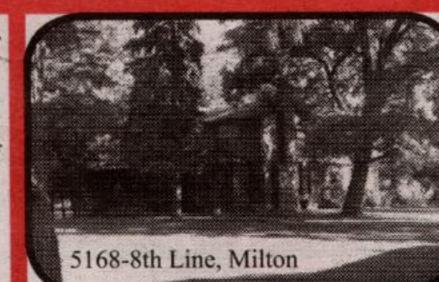


docks. Walk along the driveway to the large stones to see the perfect place to build your home. Minutes to Rockwood, Acton, Guelph & Mohawk. L31 C3, Milton. GST may be app. \$279,900



Halton Hills: Zoned Garden Centre

Rural Special(RU-1)Zone Permitted uses: Garden Centre; office & buildings accessory to Garden Centre. On 9th Line,2 mi N of Steeles, S of Georgetown. Lovely 3+1 bdrm home, barn (30'x40'), driveshed (21'x50') with 3 car carport (21'x40'). Vegetable garden, 2 ponds & road through treed area. Perfect place to live & run a



S of Britannia near 401,403,407&QEW. Well built, renov, 4 bdrm, 3WR, b/i gar; det 2 car gar; smoke house + 5yr old, 2 level, insulated, drywalled, shop (~30ft x ~60ft) w septic, water, hydro, drvwy.