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Home Show participants

Mike Patterson (left), and Anthony Maan (right), owners of The Halton Window & Door Company will be participants in the home show at The Georgetown Market Place Wednesday May 21-25. There will be large before and after pictures, sample windows and an amazing glass demonstration. "Our glass demonstration actually shows people why our windows are the best, and how they can save you the most money on both heating and cooling costs," says Anthony Maan. "When homeowners can actually see the test with their own eyes they are amazed. They can see and feel the heat passing through clear and LoE glass, and really understand the benefits of our high performance LoE squared glass." Patterson and Maan will be available to answer any of your questions. For those interested in a free estimate you will be able to book an appointment on the spot. For more information contact The Halton Window & Door Company at 905-877-0177 or e-mail info@haltonwindows.ca

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Lawn care rituals to get your yard off to a healthy start

For many homeowners, a healthy, lush lawn is a top priority throughout the spring and summer seasons. If done right, it can be maintained all season long using natural methods and products. The lawn and garden team at Canadian Tire has the following simple and eco-friendly lawn care rituals to help homeowners get off to a natural and healthy start on the yard this season.

Once a Year:

- Over-seed every spring or fall to thicken turf naturally as healthy, thick lawns naturally deter weeds and other pests
- Aerate your lawn to improve air water and nutrient uptake
- Top dress stressed areas of the lawn with organic lawn soil
- Check soil pH and add lime to correct acidic soil con-

ditions

Every 2 Months:

- Feed the lawn 3-4 times per year with a slow release fertilizer (is this a natural product?) that will reduce water consumption up to 50% as well as promote slower lawn growth, requiring less mowing
- Use a composter to reduce your household waste and create a natural humus that your garden and plants will love

Weekly:

- Set mowing height to 7.5 cm (3 in.) for stronger roots
- Use a manual or cordless lawnmower and trimmer to reduce harmful greenhouse-gas emissions
- Water thoroughly once a week to grow deeper roots
- Mulch grass clippings and use to shade soil, reduce evaporation and naturally fertilize the lawn

- Water lawn and garden during the morning (7a.m.-10a.m.) to avoid mid-day heat and evaporation

As Required:

- Repair lawn damage and bare spots promptly with quality grass seed and lawn soil
- Use weeding tools to remove isolated weeds. Look for the Fiskars Telescopic Weeder, available at Canadian Tire. This stand-up unit is ergonomically friendly and is great for targeting dandelions, thistles and other invasive weeds
- Top-quality outdoor tools are a good investment as they incorporate high-grade materials, ergonomic design and durable steel heads and blades
- Save your back by investing in a good-quality wheelbarrow to haul supplies, soil, mulch and plants around the yard

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