

NEW GROWTH

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"A little madness in the Spring is wholesome even for the King."

Emily Dickinson



WATER FEATURES

Have you seen those televised gardening shows where a pond is the focal point of a beautiful garden? Have you sighed enviously and wished that safety, upkeep or the size of your garden didn't prohibit you from having a pond too?

Don't give up on your dreams. Water features have become increasingly popular lately, thanks in part to gardening shows. But people also understand the soothing properties of water and want a place of tranquility and calm of their own, somewhere to relax and soothe away the hectic pace of life around them.

A water feature can be more than just a pond. A fountain offers the gentle sound of falling water and can help hide local traffic noise. A pondless waterfall is always a focal point, and

a safe way for small children to enjoy running water. In addition, it's almost maintenance free. A bog garden provides an ever-changing display of colour and shape and attracts bees, butterflies and birds to the garden. Bubble rocks are intriguing and safe, with water cascading gently over rock formations. They are suitable for either the centerpiece of a garden, or tucked away in a tranquil corner.

If you're not sure whether your garden or budget can handle a water feature, or what type best suits your lifestyle, give Greenlife Garden Care and Landscaping a call. Greenlife is not only an expert on water features, but they deal only with the best suppliers and manufacturers who fully support their products.

multi-stemmed: having more than one stem or trunk, which differentiates between a shrub and a tree.

WHAT DO THOSE NUMBERS MEAN?

5-5-10. 10-6-4.

Those numbers on a bag of fertilizer can be confusing, but it's important to understand what they mean, because different plants need different proportions of nutrients. The first number tells you the percentage of nitrogen (N), the second phosphorus (P) and the third potassium (K). Ask your garden centre which one is right for your plants.

DOES YOUR YARD NEED TLC ALL YEAR ROUND?

Trust us to grow

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Garden Care and Landscaping is your personal gardener and property maintenance specialist. We also handle winter snow blowing so you don't have to do it.

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ORGANIC OR TRADITIONAL LAWN MAINTENANCE - THE CHOICE IS STILL YOURS

It may not be too far into the future before traditional lawn maintenance methods are a thing of the past. Most municipalities already ban the use of pesticides and restrict the types of fertilizer that can be spread over grass. This doesn't mean however that lawns need suffer an invasion of dandelions, grubs or brown patches.

Organic lawn maintenance has enormous benefits, and although it is more labour intensive than traditional methods, with a little hard work and some knowledge, it's possible to have a lush, green and vibrant lawn

that adds to the visual appeal of a property and to the environmental safety of your community. For a totally different and low maintenance lawn, clover is a truly natural ground cover that makes a superb lawn. Clover is consistently green, needs no cutting and replenishes the soil naturally with nitrogen.

The people at Greenlife Garden Care and Landscaping understand the importance of lawn maintenance and put their love of gardening into developing and caring for your lawn, regardless of the method of your choice.

greenlife
is proud to welcome back
98 per cent of our clients
who have renewed for the
2005 season.

SPARE THE WORMS!

There are 2,700 species of earthworms, and they're not likely to become extinct any time soon.

But this doesn't mean that you want to harm the worms that live in your garden.

Contrary to popular belief, an earthworm that has been cut in half cannot regenerate, so try to avoid cutting them with your spade or tiller. You want a healthy garden, and your garden needs worms. Lots of them.

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greenlife—YOUR YEAR-ROUND PERSONAL GARDENER AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE SPECIALISTS

The folk at Greenlife want you to enjoy your garden without the back breaking and, yes, even dull, work that goes into keeping your property in shape. As your personal garden specialists, we are a locally owned and operated business that is fully experienced and insured.

Our spring and summer services include:

LAWN MAINTENANCE

Whether you want traditional or organic lawn care, we can develop a lawn your neighbours will envy! We provide spring maintenance, summer lawn care and lawn mowing to keep your grass in top condition.

GARDEN CARE

We'll prepare your flower and vegetable beds for spring planting. We'll compost and mulch, till and rake. We'll advise on the right plants for that sunny corner or shadowed flowerbed and will care for your perennials, weed your garden and care for your shrubs all season long.

HEDGE TRIMMING

We trim shrubs, cedar and other hedges and trees. We cut down dead branches, clear up any tree damage and remove all the debris from your property.

CREATING A GARDEN

We build new gardens or rejuvenate tired ones. Whether you want an informal country garden or a formal area to relax in, we put our creative talents to work to build the landscape of your choice.

CARING FOR YOUR VACANT PROPERTY

We'll keep your home safe and secure while you're away. We'll check the security and alarms, change lighting, put out garbage, adjust drapes and blinds, collect your mail and flyers and if necessary, bring in trusted contractors to fix problems.

HOUSEPLANT CARE

Keep your indoor plants healthy and lush while you're away. We water, fertilize, maintain and (in many cases) restore health and beauty to your plants.

SNOW BLOWING

Don't wait until winter to reserve your spot in our snow blowing program. We'll keep your driveway and sidewalk free of snow and ice whether you're home or not.