

# NEW GROWTH

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Flowers leave some of their fragrance in the hand that bestows them.

Chinese proverb



## TURN A NEW YARD INTO AN ESTABLISHED GARDEN BY SUMMER

**T**here's nothing like established flower beds, teeming with colour, butterflies and fresh scents, to turn a new house into a home – and it doesn't have to take years to develop.

Yet what can be more daunting than to stand at the kitchen window or front door of a brand new house and wonder how on earth you can turn the piles of dirt and builders' rubble into a respectable garden? Where do you start? Do you level the ground, throw down some sod, add a few shrubs and make do with an uninteresting exterior? Or do you spend a year peering into other people's gardens for ideas, watching gardening shows on television... while the dirt in your back yard grows weeds a foot or more high.

It doesn't have to be like that. Your untamed yard can

become a garden in a matter of weeks. Just ask the experts at Greenlife Garden Care and Landscaping.

Greenlife staffers have a passion for weaving magic, turning dull and lackluster expanses of dirt and weeds into smooth lawns, imaginative pathways and flower beds that will put fresh flowers on the table all summer long. Whether you want traditional flower beds, raised beds, or something quite out of the ordinary, they can help plan a garden within your budget, adding hard landscaping such as interlock pathways, stonework or woodwork – all within a few short weeks.

So don't spend another day wondering how to make your new garden look established. Give Greenlife a call today and be the envy of your neighbourhood by summer.

**STERILIZED SOIL:** SOIL IN WHICH HARMFUL ORGANISMS HAVE BEEN KILLED BY HEAT OR CHEMICALS, BUT IN WHICH HELPFUL BACTERIA THRIVE.

## A FEW SQUIRREL FACTS

You may curse those fuzzy tailed rodents for digging up your bulbs, but they do have a lighter side. Studies show that squirrels actually enjoy goading dogs and cats to chase them – they get high on the adrenaline rush. And contrary to popular belief, squirrels don't always remember where they plant their food. This memory lapse adds millions of new trees to the world every year as buried and forgotten nuts sprout and grow.

## DOES YOUR PROPERTY 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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## YOU CAN HAVE A LUSH, GREEN LAWN WITHOUT PESTICIDES

**B**y next year, Ottawa will most likely join over 60 Canadian municipalities that ban all chemical pesticides in residential areas. This makes spring 2006 the ideal time to start preparing a lawn free of chemicals, a health-wise step especially where children and pets enjoy playing outside.

A pesticide free lawn doesn't have to mean an over-growth of dandelions and an infestation of lawn-destroying insects. With proven organic products, such as corn-

meal to inhibit weeds, fertilizers such as alfalfa to encourage lawn growth, and natural products that discourage insect infestation, you can have a lawn that is lush, green and vigorously healthy.

Greenlife's many satisfied customers know there is a successful solution to pesticide bans. Call Greenlife to find out what your options are so that when the City says "No more chemicals", you'll be well ahead of the game with a natural lawn care program.

"After searching for 2 years to find a garden and landscaping company that we liked, we were so happy we found Greenlife. The experience was exceptional. Not only was Sarah attentive and reliable, but we liked the way she communicated with us regularly. In addition, her team was professional and friendly and our gardens and lawn have never looked better.

We look forward to seeing the Greenlife team again this spring."

McKinney Family, Riverside South

### OUR RETURNING CLIENTS HAVE MADE IT ALL POSSIBLE

Over 98% of our clients have renewed for 2006. We'd like to thank them for giving us the opportunity to care for their gardens, for allowing us to put our creativity to work and for trusting us to grow. Thank you!

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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 services include:

### CREATING A GARDEN

Whatever your needs or budget, we can install and maintain small or large flowerbeds that inject character, warmth, colour and scent into your garden. 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

### 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 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.

### WATER GARDENS

We install water features to suit every budget, from bubble rocks and pondless waterfalls to natural bog gardens and formal fountains.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.