

SPRING IS AROUND THE CORNER

DON'T FEAR SPRING FLOWERS ARE NEAR

Spring flowers first blooms cheer us up at a time when we most need it—after we've endured another long winter!

You have an extended window of time; there is no specific day to plant by to worry about in the spring, although planting should be finished by late spring/early summer, and as a general rule earlier is better. While people do like to plant as early as possible, once they see those colorful flowers and plants for sale—if you transplant too early, you may lose your flowers to frost or a freeze, so be cautious. Some years, planting time runs earlier and some years later, it will depend on the weather.

If you have plants and find it's too early to plant them, hold plants in their containers in a sheltered spot outdoors and protect from frost until the weather settles. Find a place with protection from wind and a location with morning sun. Bring them into a garage or other cool, but protected place at night so they do not freeze. Remember to water them so the soil stays damp while you are waiting to plant them.



Ladybug on Yellow Flowers

Spring flowering bulbs require very little effort. Choose bulbs suited to your area that are healthy and not dry, withered, spongy or moldy and many will improve year after year. If you prepare the soil well at planting, you will grow large, healthy flowering bulbs. A rich, well draining soil with a balanced pH will feed the underground bulb and fuel the spring growth and flowers.

All your efforts will be rewarded when you see those colourful blooms and an extra bonus is the curb appeal they bring to your home.

GET A START ON SPRING CLEANING



To get started on spring cleaning first make sure your usual daily and monthly household chores are up to date. Make a list of everything that you want to get done during your spring cleaning, so you don't get distracted.

If you don't know where to start you can look online for printable checklists. An excellent site is www.marthastewart.com and then look up spring cleaning checklist.

To get organized focus on one task at a time. Clean out your closets, junk drawers, desks, dressers and other storage areas. Spring cleaning is a good excuse to dispose of anything you no longer need. Throw away anything that's broken or no longer usable. This would also be a good time to donate/sell items. Remember spring cleaning paves the path to summer fun!



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Fiery Jerk Chicken

10–12 chicken thighs/legs
 1 tablespoon ginger paste
 2 tablespoons garlic paste
 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 salt to taste
 5 tablespoons fiery jerk sauce (PC brand)
 1 tablespoon cumin powder

Moisten chicken with water. Combine ingredients and rub sauce on chicken. Marinade chicken 4–6 hours or overnight. Then they are ready to barbeque or broil.



Benchmark Price increased in Fraser Valley for Detached Homes

Detached homes in January were \$505,618. This is 0.9% higher compared to \$500,931 in January 2010. Townhouses in January were \$317,414. This is a 0.1% decrease compared to \$317,719 in January 2010.

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Recently Sold



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Recently Sold



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Custom built executive home designed by Ray Bonter. Over 6300 sqft on 14,639 sqft lot