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Getting your yard Ready For Spring



Some of us realize there's 'cleaning-up' to be done in our yards as our Houston winter winds down. Rainy days have cultivated lots of weeds ready to be pulled from landscaped beds.

Consider some tool maintenance. With a combination of some light-weight sand paper, a metal file and a bit of oil spray, clean up and sharpen the blades of hand pruners, loppers and lawnmower. Bring these back into service with a clean, fresh start.

It's best to move plants now, while still dormant. Look to divide perennials like salvia, daylilies and mums. Transplant a shrub which needs a bit more space. Cut back the ornamental clumping grasses like muhly. Consider NOT topping crape myrtles; just clip back the seed heads, remove sprouts, or entire limbs at the trunk. Heavy pruning is not needed for abundant blooms on these graceful fast growers. If lucky enough to own peach or plum trees this is the time for pruning. This helps maintain tree height and stimulates growth for a better harvest on next year's crop.

New plants start arriving at local nurseries. Planting early allows for better adjustment before the stress of summer heat. Dig a hole twice as wide as the root ball, but no deeper than the height it sits in the container. Place plant in the hole, fill the hole back in with removed soil and water till it sinks in.

February is a very important month for roses. Clean out rose beds, plant new roses and transplant them early this month. Prune roses after Valentine's Day. Remove old, diseased or damaged canes. Cut back about 1/3 on the outer ends of healthy canes just above an outward facing bud and remove any flowers. Begin fertilizing established roses.

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INCIDENT	OFFENSE TOTAL
911 Hang Up	1
Acci/Auto/Pedest.....	1
Accident/FGSI	5
Accident/Major	1
Accident/Minor.....	5
Alarm Local.....	15
Arson/Fire	2
Burglary/Motveh.....	9
Check Business.....	29
Check Park.....	29
Contract Check.....	108
Crim Mischief.....	1
Dist/Family	3
Dist/Fireworks.....	1
Dist/Loud Noise.....	1
Dist/Other	2
Domestic Prevent	1
DWI	2
Information Call	1
Meet the Citizen	5
Meet the Officer	1
MUD Bldg Ck.....	33
Neighborhood Check.....	74
Open Door/Window.....	1
Parking Lot Check	9
Prop Found/Lost	1
Runaway	3
Special Assign.....	6
Submit Evidence	1
Suspicious Person	5
Theft/Other.....	4
Theft Residence.....	1
Traffic Initiative.....	3
Traffic Hazard	4
Traffic Stop.....	7
Unk Med Emerg	1
Vacation Watch	4
Vehicle Abandoned.....	3
Vehicle Suspicious	3
Vehicle Stolen.....	1
Welfare Check.....	3

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Later in February, prune evergreen shrubs as they begin to set new growth. Do NOT prune red oaks and live oaks unless they received some damage over the winter. Dig out grass away from tree trunks, ideally to the drip line of the tree canopy.

It's the perfect time to add mulch and compost to landscape beds. Support Cy-Fair Project Prom as their annual 'Spring Mulch Sale' of Black Velvet Hardwood mulch is fast approaching- must order by Feb. 19th to get free delivery of mulch to your driveway.

Try avoiding cutting lawns as long as possible. Mild weather triggers weed germination and a good defense is having a thick, healthy turf. Consider applying a pre-emergent herbicide and water it in. This may help prevent seeds from sprouting, not weeds already growing. We shouldn't rely completely on chemicals to build a thick and strong lawn.

Enjoy this time as gardens begin to bloom and provide color to our neighborhood! Keep your garden gloves handy.

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WORTHAM VILLAGES BOARD MEETINGS

Wortham Villages Board meetings are open to all homeowner's. Monthly board meetings are generally held the third Wednesday of each month from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the offices of Crest Management (17171 Park Row, Suite 310, Houston, Texas 77084), but may be changed for various reasons, including due to scheduling conflicts. For an accurate notification of board meetings, dates and times please visit Crest Management's website www.crest-management.com, then click on communities, then scroll down to Wortham Villages and click on it. There is box for you to put your email address that will notify you when the board is going to meet. The board does meet on a regular basis, although do cancel occasionally if the board cannot obtain a quorum. If you are interested in attending a board meeting, we do ask that you contact Crest Management beforehand so time can be scheduled and set aside during the meeting to address your comments or request.

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Finding Connection

Do you remember your last first date? I know, for many of you that seems like it was eons ago! Take a minute and try to recall what went through your mind.

For most of us, there were thoughts of, "What if he doesn't think I'm pretty?" Or, "Will he think I'm smart enough? ...Funny? What if he thinks I'm boring?" Take your pick, and fill in the description. Male or female, old or young, we've all worried about these things at some point.

Every self-help book tells you that you need to love yourself before you can make a connection with another person. But how? How do you learn to find that connection within yourself so that you can learn to find connections with others?

For me, it was when I began working with horses. I learned a few simple, but profound, facts about horses. Horses don't judge, and are not impressed by a pretty face. They don't care about the car you drive, what your job is, or how much money you make. There are no concerns about race, sexuality, or religion. All a horse wants to know is, "Can I trust you to keep me safe?" and, "What's in it for me?"

These amazing creatures are incredibly similar to humans in that they instinctively crave the connection formed with other beings.

Through my journey into the world of Natural Horsemanship, I learned that horses are deeply intuitive creatures who can read you just by reading your body language and intent.

Working with these creatures teaches you so much about yourself.

For instance, working with a creature that weighs over 1000 lbs. makes you feel strong and confident. When a horse chooses to interact with you, you feel honored and special. When a horse offers you his trust, you feel love. And, if you mess up or make a mistake? Well, horses are the consummate teachers of forgiveness. They don't hold grudges or cast blame. They just move on. Really, there's a lesson in life everyone should learn.

Learning to love yourself is imperative to finding and establishing connections with others. Learning how to love yourself is a journey in itself. Begin your journey this month, and enjoy the ride.

Tara Chatterson works at Five Horses, LLC in Waller, Texas. To find out more about how horses can help you and your relationships, check out the natural horsemanship program, as well as the equine-assisted learning workshops provided here:

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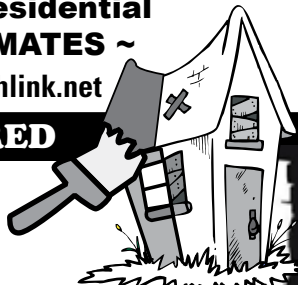
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