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THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

Plants to try

Window boxes make for the perfect design elements to the exterior of your home.

With the right flowers, they can serve as a downright stunning focal point of your backyard.

Whether you choose a collection of colorful annuals spilling over your box or a row of cute miniature flowers, window boxes are sure to catch some attention this spring.

Before filling your boxes, it is important to know the growing habits and requirements of the plants you plan to use. Factors such as sunlight, shade, watering and bloom time all must be taken into consideration.

They key to any awe-inspiring window box is to have fun.

Don't be afraid to let your creativity shine as you build your collection of flowers.

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Sunlight

If your window box is exposed to full sunlight, you have a bevy of flower options at your disposal. From vinca to marigolds, you can find flowers with gorgeous combinations of green foliage and colorful petals.

Geraniums are low-maintenance bloomers that can generally reach about 12 inches tall — the perfect option if you're looking to add a little height to your flower box.

A slightly shorter option that is just as colorful is the petunia.

These beauties grow to a height of 4 to 12 inches, and

like the geranium, come in a trailing variety that can help you put together a flower box overflowing with vibrant colors.

Shade

If your window box will be located in partial or full shade, be sure to choose shade-loving plants such as impatiens, begonias or caladium for maximum impact. All of these varieties are available in a full range of colors and tones, making your job of matching the flowers to the hue of your home an easy one.

Find flowers that give off pops of bright pinks and purples if you're looking to make a dramatic statement near your home's entry or any other prominent spot. Be sure to maintain your flowers throughout the year to keep your widow boxes in striking form.



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These animals may help your garden

Planning and maintaining a garden requires a lot of effort, which can result in an aesthetically pleasing addition to the landscape. But that hard work can also fall victim to nature when local wildlife find a garden too mouth-watering to resist.

In an effort to rid a garden of unwanted pests, gardeners may unwittingly scare away animals and insects that might just protect the garden from more ill-intentioned animals.

Not every creature that scurries is out to get prized petunias or to devour tomatoes.

In fact, many can prove beneficial to gardens.

Bats

Bats have a bad reputation, as people unnecessarily fear bats because they believe them to be carriers of disease. But many bats feed off of insects or fruits and will not harm a human. The average brown bat can eat 1,000 mosquitoes in an hour, so it's easy to see why bats are good to have around.

Mosquitoes are not only a nuisance but also harbor potentially dangerous diseases. Bats also may eat certain rodents, which can cut down on the number of animals burrowing in a yard.

Frogs

Frogs and toads will prey

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» MAINTENANCE

Keep tractor plowing along

Tractor maintenance

Spring is one of the busiest times of the year for farmers.

They use their tractors heavily during this time period to plant new crops and tend to field maintenance.

One of the best ways to cut down on your tractor time is to make sure your equipment is up to par.

Regular maintenance such as oil changes, tire pressure checks and spark plug replacements can both extend the life of your tractor and help you get more quality performance out of it.

Your tractor and similar equipment likely came equipped with an hour



meter to help you track and perform routine services. There are even diagnostic tools that you can plug into your tractor to help you stay ahead of impending maintenance and repairs.

You also can create a spreadsheet on your com-

puter detailing the date you performed the service and any steps you had to take that may have been out of the ordinary. (This will help you save time trying to figure it out for a second time.)

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Keep your chainsaw in good working order

Changing a chainsaw chain

Using and maintaining a chainsaw can be an intimidating experience, even for seasoned operators.

The many sharp, moving parts can lead to serious injuries if the power of the chainsaw is not properly harnessed.

One of the most important steps in making sure your chainsaw stays in good working order is general maintenance, including changing of the chain from time to time. Changing your chain is a fairly straightforward task that requires safety, care and a general understanding of how the chainsaw operates.

Once you meet all of these requirements, changing out the chain could be a 10-minute job.

Why change the chain?

A sharp chainsaw chain

makes your machine more efficient and powerful.

Over time, your chain will dull, leaving you with a chainsaw operating at less than full strength.

When sharpening your chain fails to yield the desired results, it's time to completely change the chain.

The first step is knowing what kind of chain you need.

Different manufacturers carry different types of chains, so it is vital that you consult your owner's manual to find out what type and size you need.

Without this information, you could be taking numerous trips to the hardware store in search of the correct chain.

Once you track down the chain made for your saw, it's time to get to work on replacing it in a safe manner.

Here's how:

1. Release and remove your chainsaw chain by

unlocking the brake and removing the access plate. Your saw may have a different first step, so be sure to check your manual for proper instructions.

After removing the plate, release the chain tension and take off the blade.

2. Install the new chain by loosening the tensioning screw on the inside of the guide bar and carefully installing the new chain onto the saw.

Put tension back onto the bar by pulling it away from

the saw — the opposite of how you loosened it.

3. Put the parts back together by replacing the plate and tightening the chain by adjusting the tensioning screw.

Once your chain is replaced, it's time to get back to work.

Be aware of any rattling or other calibration issues when you get started.

You should notice a substantial difference in the saw's power and cutting efficiency with the new chain.



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Maintenance tips

One small issue with your tractor's engine can mean big problems this spring.

Keeping an eye on the smaller pieces of your machine can help prevent this from happening.

Check for leaks or worn hoses on your tractor through a visual inspection.

It's also a great time for checking your tractor's safety features.

These include turn indicators and your neutral start switch.

All of these tasks may seem minor, but there are a lot of moving parts on a

tractor. Maintaining all of them is crucial to ensuring a long lifespan for your machine.

Gas & oil

Maintaining high-quality gas and oil in your mower is critical to its performance. When changing the oil, always remember to:

- Change it when the engine is warm;
- Use the easy-to-open push-pull drain plug and plastic hose, if your tractor came equipped with one;
- If the engine has an oil filter, apply some oil onto the rubber sealing gasket before installation; and
- Always use a funnel or oil spout when adding new oil, and be careful not to overfill.

» ENTERTAINING

THRILL OF THE GRILL

Avoid grilling mistakes

The smell of the barbecue grill is one of the hallmarks of the springtime. The sizzle of the hot grate and the crackling of the charcoal let you know the winter season has officially ended.

As you begin inviting friends over for a spring and summer filled with great food and better company, now is a good time to refresh your common grilling practices.

By now you probably have a grilling routine that you follow with every cooking session. True grilling experts are meticulous about the cleanliness of their grills, as well as the quality of their tools.

But there are several common grilling mistakes

that even the most grizzled grilling professionals commit from time to time.

Check out our list below to see if you've ever been guilty.

Low-quality tools

You can't grill effectively without the right tools — plain and simple. Are your spatulas rusty and warped? Is your grill brush caked in residue?

If so, it's time for an equipment overhaul. Choose spatulas, tongs and grill cleaning tools that are made of durable materials, such as stainless steel.

Choose durable, heavy-duty tools with long handles for maximum safety when you're reaching across the coals. Find tools that are

dishwasher-safe to make cleaning up a breeze.

Dirty grill

When was the last time you cranked your burners to high after a cook to burn off some of the grill residue? This is good practice to maintain your grill and enhance the taste of your food. Make sure you clean your grill before and after each cook.



Scrape out any excess ash or grease under the grate. This will keep your flames flowing strongly instead of being snuffed out by blockages. Consider deep-clean-

ing your grill a couple of times per year. This entails scrubbing the stainless steel and scraping all food scraps off the sides and bottom of the grill.

Forgetting to preheat

A common grilling mistake is not being patient enough before adding food to the grill. Just like an oven, you must give your grill about 15 minutes to warm up. Use the temperature gauge to decide when to put on the meat. Experts recommend most foods be cooked in the 300- to 400-degree range.

Depending on what you're cooking, it's generally a good idea to immediately turn your burners down to low after you add the meat.

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Is this the demise of the honeybee?

Bees flitting from one newly sprouted flower to another as they collect pollen is one of the more common sights of the spring. Honeybees are content to buzz between plants for hours. But in recent years the honeybee population has declined considerably, and scientists and environmentalists continue to study and debate why bees seem to be dying out.

Although bees are best known for their honey production, their symbiotic relationship with nature goes much further. Honeybees are instrumental in transferring pollen from plant to plant, which helps to foster new life for many agricultural species. In addition to wild flowers and other plants, bees pollinate many of the crops that end up as food on dinner tables across the globe. Bees help pollinate more than 90 commercially grown field crops, citrus and other fruit crops, vegetables and nut crops.

Without these insects, crop yields would decrease dramatically, and some foods may cease to exist.

Without bees, food production would diminish and the prices of produce would skyrocket.

Commercial beekeepers in the United States have reported deaths of tens of thousands of honeybee colonies. Ninety percent of wild bee populations in the United States have disappeared, according to Target Health, Inc. In the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, bee species have

declined considerably, and some have even become extinct.

Since 2006, millions of honeybees have died off due to a phenomenon called Colony Collapse Disorder, or CCD. CCD refers to the absence of adult honeybees in a colony with few or no adults remaining.

Worker bees simply disappear, leaving behind the queen and vulnerable developing young. Bees are not usually known to leave the hive unguarded. While similar disappearances have been documented in the last

100 years, those incidences have grown considerably in recent years.

Officials in the United States Department of Agriculture and the Environmental Protection Agency have not been able to determine why the honeybee population has undergone such a steep decline, though some believe that a complex combination of factors, including parasites, lack of genetic diversity, poor nutrition, and pesticides, could be responsible.

Examination of dead bees has found residues of more



Honeybees pollinate many of the world's plants. But their numbers are on the decline, and the environmental impact of that decline is significant

than 100 chemicals, insecticides and pesticides, including some used to control parasites, in bee hives.

Other factors that come into play involve climate changes that affect wildflower production. Without wildflowers, bees have no sources of food. Rainy, wet

or overly dry weather can wreak havoc on the landscape, resulting in fewer flowers and, as a result, a smaller bee population.

Scientists are still studying the situation and working toward a solution to restore the honeybee population.

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HOW TO TEND TO INDOOR HERB GARDEN

Fresh herbs and recently picked ingredients can add flavor to any meal. A home chef can even improve the flavor of store-bought or prepared foods with an herb garnish that can transform otherwise bland dishes into something you'll want to eat again and again.

Harvesting fresh herbs is easy for homeowners who have gardens right in their backyards. However, everyone does not have a backyard, and even those that do might find their gardens threatened by changing seasons or unwanted critters. When gardens are moved indoors, the bounty of fresh ingredients continues no matter the date on the calendar.

Herb gardens are perhaps some of the easiest gardens to cultivate indoors because they don't require large pots or much space.

The plants themselves are relatively compact, and it only takes a pinch of herbs to give a meal some extra flavor.

When growing herbs indoors, your indoor growing area must have adequate light to simulate the longer days of summer; otherwise, the plants may go dormant. It's ideal to have a southern exposure on the herbs, with at least eight hours of sunlight per day. If you do not live in a particularly sunny locale, consider supplementing the plants with grow lights, which will pro-

vide the full spectrum of light the plants need to thrive.

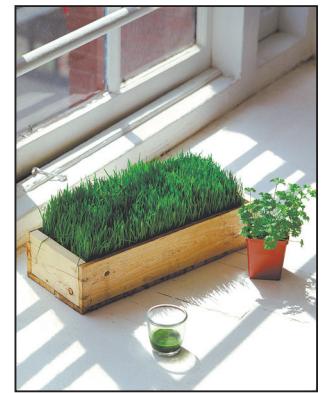
Indoor air can become too dry for herbs, so you will need to compensate by providing humidity. While there may be added humidity in a kitchen greenhouse window, it still may not be enough to keep the plants healthy. Think about misting the plants daily to create some extra humidity, or place herb pots on top of a water-filled tray with pebbles so the evaporating water will add moisture without making the roots soggy.

Insects are another threat to indoor gardens because there is no cold weather to inhibit the hatching of insect eggs. Soil from outdoors may be more susceptible to

insects that are already living in the dirt. Instead of soil from outside, use packaged soil or a nonsoil alternative that will hold moisture without the added risk of bugs.

If small insects appear, use a mist of soapy water to kill the bugs without harming the plants or making the herbs unfit for eating.

Group herbs together according to their watering needs to make maintenance that much easier. Prune the herbs as needed for recipes. If the herbs experience a growth spurt, trim some of the plants and freeze the herbs for later use. Many indoor herb gardeners begin by growing parsley, chives, oregano, and basil.



A sunny location is necessary when cultivating an indoor herbs garden.

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SPRUCE THINGS UP OUTSIDE

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When the weather warms up, it's all about relaxing outdoors. But it's possible you've neglected upkeep on your home's outdoor spaces during the chilly months of winter.

To enjoy yourself more this season, take time to spruce up your yard. Here are some quick tips.

Do a survey

Take a walk around the perimeter of your patio, deck and yard to survey what needs to be cleaned, repaired or replaced. Did potted plants and lawn ornaments survive the cooler months? Are outdoor light fixtures functioning? Are fallen branches littering the yard? Make a mental to-do list.

Deep clean

Like interior spaces, periodic deep cleans are neces-

sary outdoors too. But don't waste your leisure time.

"With the right tools you can work smart, not hard," says Jeff Devlin, host on a popular home improvement channel. "A heavy-duty cleaner, such as Mean Green Degreaser, not only works indoors, but is ideal for my tough outdoor cleaning jobs."

Devlin recommends using the Super Strength multi-surface formula — which is lab-tested to clean and remove grease, grime, mildew, dirt, and oil more effectively than its competitors — to clean and remove mildew from patios, outdoor furniture, concrete, composite and wood fences and siding, as well as to clean and degrease tools, lawn equipment and grills. Use it as a concentrated spray or diluted solution. Clean with a brush or sponge.

"For your toughest jobs, add it to your pressure washer," says Devlin. Help-



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ful cleaning tips can be found at MeanGreen-Degreaser.com.

Routine maintenance

Perform routine upkeep to keep items from falling into disrepair or becoming overgrown or unkempt.

Sweep walkways and your deck regularly, especially if they are situated under trees. Promote a healthy lawn by mowing it regularly,

never removing more than one-third of the grass blade. Keep gutters devoid of leaves and debris so that water does not collect in your yard or at the base of your home's structure. Rinse patio furniture, umbrellas and awnings using water or a diluted cleaner.

Spring is in the air. With a little effort, you can be prepared to make the most of it.

» HOME & GARDEN

What to know when repairing a lawnmower

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Every lawn mower requires routine maintenance to keep it running with efficiency and maximum performance. If a breakdown occurs or parts wear out, it's much more cost-efficient to simply replace the worn parts than it is to buy a whole new mower.

To keep your mower functioning optimally, consider the following.

Regular maintenance

Follow your manufacturer's suggested maintenance schedule. Check your owner's manual or your mower brand's website for information on when and how to maintain your machine, including checking and changing engine oil and filters, hydraulic filters, belts, air

cleaners, spark plugs and more. This upkeep on your mower can prevent unscheduled downtime and costly repairs.

Replace parts wisely

"Modern mowers are designed to function as a system; they aren't just a collection of parts," says David Martin, customer service manager at Exmark, a leading mower manufacturer.

While virtually any company can sell parts that are almost right for your machine, Martin advises using original parts from the mower manufacturer. Brands such as Exmark, for example, extensively test every part and accessory for hundreds of hours to ensure they won't compromise the

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Gardening can be a rewarding and relaxing hobby, one that allows gardeners to escape from the daily grind and soak up some sun. As rewarding as gardening can be, it's even more so when gardeners ply their trade in an eco-friendly way.

Gardening with the environment in mind is something many gardeners might do already without even knowing it. The following are a few ways to garden in a way that's mutually beneficial to gardeners and the environment.

- Use mulch to conserve resources and reduce reliance on fertilizers. Conserving resources is one of the best ways to help the environment, and applying mulch is a great way to conserve water. Mulch helps the soil retain water, keeping the water from

evaporating into the air, which means less watering for gardeners who want to keep their gardens looking lush and healthy.

In addition to helping conserve water, mulch can also help reduce reliance on fertilizers.

That's because mulch provides nutrients to the soil as it breaks down, providing an eco-friendly alternative for gardeners who don't want to rely on fertilizers to deliver nutrients to their soil.

- Plant more flowers. Planting flowers is another

eco-friendly way to garden. Native flowers, in particular, can help maintain an area's natural ecosystem, providing food and shelter for insects and other wildlife.

More flowers and plants around the property also means there will be significantly less grass to mow, which reduces the amount of gas necessary to mow that grass in the warmer weather and the amount of greenhouse gases the lawn mower produces. In addition, less grass means less need for fertilizers and pesticides to maintain that grass.

- Choose gardening tools and products with the environment in mind.

Veteran gardeners have a host of tools that help tackle every problem imaginable.

But many older tools or gardening products might not be made of recycled materials. When shopping for gardening tools, whether you're a beginner who needs everything or a veteran gardener whose tools have seen better days, choose products made from recycled materials.

For example, many gardeners use mats to help reduce stress on their knees when kneeling down to garden. When buying a new mat, choose one made from recycled tires.

But emphasizing recycled products shouldn't stop at the tool shed.

Mulch, for instance, can be made from recycled rubber and won't impact the environment in a negative way. Just be sure to pur-



Planting more plants and flowers around the property is one way gardeners can garden in an eco-friendly way.

chase recycled mulch that is nontoxic and does not consume natural resources.

- Live and let live. Insects might be a nuisance, but they can also be a gardener's best friend. Spraying insecticide simply because insects can be pesky is shortsighted and impractical. Certain spiders prey on other insects that can be harmful to a garden, while

butterflies and bees help pollenate flowers.

Earthworms are also very beneficial to a garden, helping to aerate and fertilize the soil and enabling plants to grow by removing harmful matter from the soil.

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When hosting neighbors and friends for spring gatherings, your thoughts may dwell on accommodating guests. But how often do you consider your animal visitors?

"During spring, flocks of birds migrate and are looking for places to refuel and rest," says Spencer Schock, Founder of WindowAlert, makers of bird-friendly products for homes. "A few small tweaks to your yard, is like placing out a welcome mat."

Unfortunately, migration is not without peril or hardship, but Schock says turning your home into a refuge for birds can be fun and add

beauty to your yard. He offers these tips to keep feathered travelers safe during their migratory journey.

• **Protect flight:** Millions of birds die annually by striking glass, making windows a hazard to birds in flight.

Try applying special decals that reflect ultraviolet sunlight to your home's windows, particularly those windows that are highly reflective of open sky.

The decals won't affect your view because they're virtually invisible to humans, but will help keep birds safe. For example, those from WindowAlert have patterns that give the appearance of slightly frosted translucent glass, but glow like a spotlight for

birds. The brand also makes a high-tech liquid called WindowAlert UV Liquid, which can be applied between decals.

Such ultraviolet decals have been scientifically proven to keep birds safer. A 2015 American Bird Conservancy Study found that the more WindowAlert decals that were applied to a piece of glass covering the departure point of a flight tunnel, the more birds avoided it (a net protected all the birds in the study from actually getting hurt, no matter where they chose to fly).

• **Bed and Breakfast:** Birdfeeders come in all shapes, sizes and styles, and simply adding one to your yard can help beautify it and

give birds the energy needed to continue their flight.

Remember though, bird strikes are often a problem near bird feeders, as feeding birds are easily frightened and are apt to take wild, evasive flight; position feeders closer than three feet or farther than 30 feet from windows. If your feeder is close to the window, birds fly away from the house.

Believe it or not, the safest type of feeder is the kind that attach to the window itself.

You can also make your home's outdoor spaces more bird-friendly filling your garden with the right plants and flowers for pollinating bird species.

• **Watch and record:**



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Grab a pair of binoculars and a field guide book and take note of the types of birds you see and when. This will help you become better prepared for next season. In addition, consider becoming a "citizen scientist" by submitting your observations to The Audubon Society and Cornell

University's database at ebird.org.

For more tips on making your home and garden a bird haven, visit WindowAlert.com.

"By making a few simple modifications to your yard and home, you can assist birds on their long journey," says Schock.

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Make the most of mulching

Lawns and gardens can often benefit from the laying of mulch.

Mulch serves various purposes in lawns and gardens, and many experienced lawn and garden enthusiasts lay mulch to ensure their properties make it through spring, summer and fall unscathed.

First-time homeowners with little or no landscaping experience may not understand the benefits of mulch, which can be used to strengthen soil and protect properties from the elements.

What is mulch?

Mulch refers to a material spread around or over a plant to enrich and/or insulate its soil.

Many homeowners prefer mulch made of wood chips, which is both effective and readily available.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notes that organic mulches, which include leaves, wood chips, compost or grass clippings, can be used by homeowners who want to develop eco-friendly landscapes.

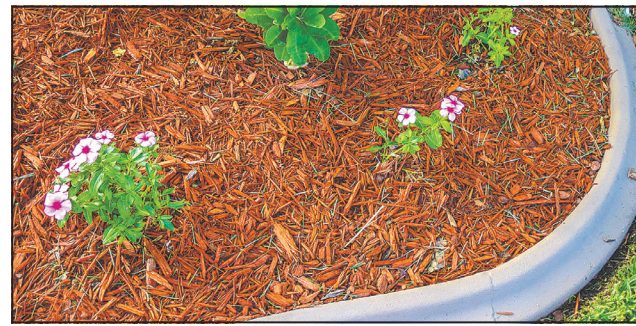
Why mulch?

Mulching can benefit plants around a property in various ways.

Many people lay mulch because the mulch helps soil retain moisture in the summer, when temperatures tend to be at their hottest.

This can help plants survive summer heat waves.

Mulch also can be used to suppress weeds. Weeds, which steal moisture plants need to build strong roots and survive summer, need light to grow. When laid cor-



Mulch is a potentially valuable tool homeowners can use to improve the look and health of their properties.

rectly, mulch deprives weeds of the light they need to grow.

Organic mulches can even provide homes for crickets and a type of beetle that feed on weed seeds.

Mulch also can deter harmful pests depending on the type of mulch homeowners

choose. When purchasing mulch, homeowners will have to choose between the aforementioned organic mulch or man-made mulches, which may be made of plastic or rubber. While man-made mulches may repel pests, they also can have adverse effects. Plas-

tic, for example, can heat up in the summer and cause plants to burn.

Certain organic mulches can repel insects that can threaten plants. That's because the majority of organic mulches increase the amount of beneficial bacteria in the soil, and they also increase the presence of helpful insects that do not pose a threat to plant life. Those helpful insects help keep harmful insects at bay.

Compost is a type of organic mulch that may attract harmful insects. While that does not mean homeowners should shy away from using compost as mulch, they should know that they may need to employ organic insecticides to combat their unwanted guests.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Many flowers compete with one another to attract butterflies, birds and bees for pollination, but at least two species of flowering plants have enhanced their ability to attract insects in unique ways. The titan arum (*Amorphophallus titanum*) is native to western Sumatra, where it grows in openings in rainforests. It is the largest unbranched flower in the world and can reach up to 15 feet tall. But this alone is not what makes the titan arum so special.

It is unwise to step in close to get a whiff of this enormous bloom, as the plant gives off a rancid odor reminiscent of rotting meat. It is sometimes known as the carrion plant or the corpse plant for this reason.

The plant has created this scent to attract flies for pollination. The rafflesia, which is native to southeastern Asia as well, is another plant that produces a rotting aroma to attract insects. The rafflesia has no stems, leaves or true roots — it's basically one large flower.



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on insects and make the local insect population more manageable. Toads eat mainly slugs, who feed on the leaves and fruits of many plants.

Frogs and toads are attracted to water, so including a pond or another water feature in the garden will provide them with a habitat they like.

Birds

While it is true that some birds can damage crops, many birds are content to feed on insects attracted to the garden, which helps to keep insect numbers in check.

Chickadees, for example, will dine on aphid eggs, while larger birds may prey on mice or other rodents or simply scare them out of the garden.

Jays and mockingbirds are known to be feisty and can even deter dogs and cats from a yard. Hummingbirds will sip on the nectar

of flowers and help pollinate plants.

Snakes

Snakes in a garden can be disconcerting to some people, but snakes are ideal predators who feed on insects and rodents several times their size. Snakes are the right size and shape to invade the burrows of pest animals.

Butterflies and bees

Butterflies and bees are responsible for pollinating the vast majority of plants. Avoid using pesticides that may diminish butterfly or bee populations.

A beehive right next to a garden may not be practical, but don't make attempts to destroy it. Consult with a professional beekeeper to see what can be done to move the beehive without destroying it.

Many animals and insects can be detrimental to the health of a garden. However, several animals are handy to have around and should be welcomed to the landscape.

MOWER

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safety, productivity or durability of the mower, or the quality of cut it provides.

"There is great value in using genuine Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts, as opposed to cheaper "will fit" alternatives, when replacing belts, blades, filters, lubricants and other mower parts," says Martin.

To learn more about the differences between using generic replacements from an aftermarket company and OEM parts, visit www.exmark.com/OriginalParts.

Whether you mow your lawn often or just a few



times a season, be sure to take good care of your mower, paying attention to the suggested maintenance routine.

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