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WATER + LIGHTING TIPS

Irrigation System Start-Up

Properly preparing your irrigation system for use is an important part of protecting your landscaping investment. Start-up services include charging your irrigation system, resetting your time clock and adjusting heads to ensure optimal coverage. Call Lifestyle to schedule an appointment for April.

Pond Maintenance Lifestyle can prepare your pond for spring by cleaning debris, servicing pumps and assessing what treatments are required.

Landscape Lighting Maintenance

Clear fallen leaves and debris from well lights. When a bulb needs replacement, it is wise to replace all bulbs simultaneously.

Enhance Your Winter Lifestyle with an Indoor Herb Garden!

That frosty chill in the air doesn't mean that you have to wait until spring to delight in the joys of gardening. You can bring the green inside with an indoor herb garden. Indoor herb gardens are a great way to keep your winter green and fruitful, not to mention tasty. Making an indoor herb garden is easy, and it's fun!



First, select your herbs. Whether you choose to plant medicinal herbs, aromatic herbs or flavorful herbs your garden will surely enhance your winter lifestyle. If you enjoy a nice cup of hot tea, you could plant your favorite herbal tea plants such as peppermint, chamomile, lemon balm, wild strawberry and golden lemon thyme. If you enjoy creating flavorful meals, you might want to

plant herbs such as rosemary, basil, oregano or parsley. If you delight in aromatic oils, soaps, and linen sprays, try aromatic herbs such as lavender, mint, marjoram, and lovage. As you might imagine, your herb garden can be a fun way to express yourself.



After your herbs have been selected, you can now start to build your herb garden. You'll want to choose a container with good drainage. To increase drainage put wood chips or gravel at the bottom of your container. Get creative with the container you choose!



Once your herb garden is planted, situate your garden in the light of a south or west facing window or keep your garden in a common room where the lights are often on. Follow feeding and watering instruction on your seed packet or plant insert. Once your herbs are grown, remember to use them! Your pruning will stimulate growth.



Garden Calendar

January

Branches from your Christmas tree will act as natural coverings for tender or early flowering plants.

Plant fruit, flowering or shade trees. Soak bare-root plants in tepid water for several hours before planting.

Many weeds have already flowered and gone to seed at this time of year. Eliminating them now will save work later.

Remember to use sand and not salt on icy paths as salt is destructive to the soil.

Scheduling professional service for your lawn & garden equipment now will save you weeks of waiting time in the spring.

February

Avoid walking on frozen grass as it causes bare spots.

Prune fruit, flowering and shade trees to improve the shape of the plant, stimulate air circulation and increase sun exposure.

Provide protection for early flowering or tender plants by covering them with some type of cloth material.

March

Contact Lifestyle Landscapes to schedule an irrigation system start-up.

Water plants situated under the eaves of the house and under tall evergreens as they may be dry.

Prune stone fruits such as cherries, plums, prunes and peaches.

Cultivate the vegetable garden by adding fertilizer, compost and lime.

All types of roses can be pruned this time of year as well as established hedges.

Winter Happenings

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| January 1: | Winterfest Ice Rink at the Fisher Pavillion, 11:00am- 8:00pm, \$2 skate rental + \$5 adult/\$3 child admission. |
| January 26-
February 4: | Seattle Boat Show at the Qwest Field and Event Center |
| February 14-18: | Northwest Flower and Garden Show.
www.gardenshow.com |
| February 17-25: | Seattle Home Show
www.seattlehomeshow.com |

Bellevue Home Show



Come check us out at Booth F-01!

When: January 12-15

Where: Meydenbauer Center

Cost: \$8.00, children under 12 are free

www.bellevuehomeshow.com

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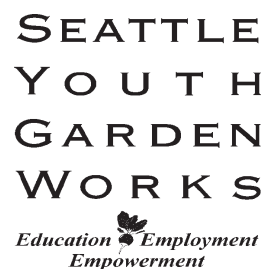
We're still in the Sodo neighborhood
Our new address is:
4323 Airport Way South, Seattle, WA 98108

Lifestyle Landscapes Helps Raise \$40,000 For Homeless Youth

Lifestyle Landscapes was a title sponsor of Seattle Youth Garden Works' Gala & Auction Event held on September 30th. Seattle Youth Garden Works (SYGW) empowers homeless and under-served youth by providing an opportunity to experience gainful employment, learn about gardening and develop business skills by selling their produce at area farmers markets.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a success!

If you would like to learn more about how you can help SYGW, visit www.sygw.org.



Meet Our New Team Members!



David Baxter has joined our design team. Baxter has over twenty years experience in

the residential landscape design / build industry.

Baxter holds a Masters in Landscape Architecture from Lincoln University in New Zealand and has designed award-winning gardens in Seattle's Flower and Garden Show.

He enjoys working with his clients to design landscapes that match their lifestyles, while using design to express a sense of place with an ecologically sustainable aesthetic.



Misty Pierce is our new office assistant. She

attends Seattle Central Community College in the evenings. Misty moved to Seattle a year ago from Biloxi, Mississippi. She really loves Seattle and being able to enjoy the outdoors in the summer. Misty likes to write, attend Seattle Poetry Slams, hike, and ride her motorcycle.



Abel Valdez-Miramontes has joined our

landscaping crew. Abel is from Nayarit, Mexico. He has lived in Seattle for over three years and likes it very much. Abel likes to play basketball in his free time.



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Chestnut-backed Chickadee



WINTERING BIRDS

Livening up your garden seems like a bit of a challenge in the winter months. However, it can be a fun, simple task with a birdfeeder.

There are several wintering birds in the Seattle area, such as: the House Sparrow, House Finch, European Starling, American Robin, Northern Flicker, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, and Steller Jay. To attract these avian visitors into your garden you can purchase or

construct (which might be a fun winter activity in itself) a bird feeder. The most attractive seeds for our

wintering birds is hulled sunflower and black-oil sunflower . The sparrows are most attracted to seed with millet. A seed feeder will attract only birds that eat seeds. Hang up a suet feeder and you may attract the insectivores.



Steller Jay

www.seattleaudubon.org