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Enjoy a garden getaway

Q&A

As the lockdown continues and we are all staying home, there's no better time to find out why your garden is a godsend...

Gardening can be a wonderfully social activity, but it doesn't always need to be done with others.

Time spent alone in the great outdoors is a wonderful way to indulge yourself - especially during the current lockdown.

So, whether you're stuck at home with your family or are living on your own, just step outside and get to know Mother Nature better.

New truths

If you've never really attempted gardening before, there's so much that you can delve into. My website - daviddomoney.com - has lots of ideas to help you get started as well as tips to help you along your way.

If you get stuck, you can always reach out to your local garden centre by giving them a call as staff can offer fantastic advice on specific plants and products they stock.

Follow your local garden centre's Facebook page and build a relationship with them to help you now, and after the lockdown.

Some offer home delivery and

Spring into summer with a luscious lawn

How often should we be cutting our grass?

Daisy, via email
Between the months of March and October, you should be mowing the lawn once or twice a week, depending on how fast your grass is growing. It's best done in the mid-morning or late afternoon to evening when it's not dewy but not too hot either. Ideally, you want to cut the grass back by about two-thirds of its overall length.



Keep houseplants looking their best

Should I re-pot my houseplants now?

Simon, Sheffield
Yes, spring is the perfect time to re-pot houseplants. If you can see the roots through the drainage holes in the bottom then they definitely need bigger containers. However, some plants will simply benefit from new potting soil with fresh nutrients. If needed, re-pot one size bigger so that roots will have space to develop and keep the plant strong and healthy.

TIP of the week

As the temperatures rise, remember to put plenty of water out in the garden, not only for birds but for bees that are busy pollinating.

GET IN TOUCH

For loads more hints and tips on gardening visit daviddomoney.com or follow me on Facebook at @DavidDomoneyTV or on Twitter @daviddomoney



FLAPPY DAYS Feed the birds



THYME OUT Create a herb garden



CHEERY Pot up colourful plants

If you're feeling anxious or stressed, engage with nature

are also selling online. For your first attempt at gardening, I recommend going for something small and simple, like sweet peas.

These can be sown outside from April and offer highly heady scents that can be enjoyed all summer long.

Some nurseries and garden centres separate pre-germinated seedlings to grow in pots. They can then be planted out at a later date.

Little lifts

It's important to enjoy the little things in life. Simply standing outside with the sound of birdsong, the scent of flowers and the sun on your face will have a huge positive impact.

We didn't have too many hard frosts over the winter and we are currently experiencing a glorious spring so a lot of plants have had the perfect conditions to grow.

Step out into your garden, listen to the sound of bees buzzing about, breathe in the fresh air and enjoy the warmth of the season.

Feel the energy of the buds of plants springing to life - lively tulips, the bright gold flowers of forsythia, and the vibrant pinks and reds of flowering currants. These

little things will all make you feel good about being alive. They uplift the heart and nourish the soul.

When we garden, we get a fantastic sense of achievement and the joy of nurturing plants and watching them grow boosts wellbeing.

So, if you're sitting indoors right now and are feeling anxious, trapped, emotional or stressed, get outside and engage with nature to make yourself feel better. It'll be worth it.

Steaming



Wield a win

Keep the kids preoccupied by finding out which wild birds visit your garden. Make fat balls or put up feeding stations to attract birds and visit rsbp.org.uk and use their Bird Identifier.

Green-fingered children will also love planting up mung beans and cress, which are easy and quick to grow. The latter can be grown in eggshells with funny faces drawn on to make crazy-haired characters.

Get creative with containers. You

can grow in anything from grow-bags to wellies, teapots and even 12-litre buckets, which can be picked up online for less than £1. All you need to do is ensure there are sufficient draining holes, add some soil and get growing.

Perfect plants

There are so many great plants to get in the ground now, and you can really start growing to suit your needs - just pick a plant that makes it possible.

Fruit trees and shrubs don't need a specific area to grow and currants,

gooseberries and raspberries will all thrive in your borders. Also at this time of year, you can plant spinach, cabbage, broccoli, potatoes, garlic and onions.

By identifying space in the garden and learning to grow crops, you will not only benefit from acquiring a new skill but you will be doing something productive. This, in turn, will increase your feelings of wellbeing, self-esteem, hope and purpose.

If the weather isn't up to scratch, simply sprinkle some seeds in a pot for

your kitchen windowsill. Create an indoor herb garden with basil, parsley, chives and oregano. All of these will add fresh flavour to your dishes.

Gardening alone

Gardening on your own is a marvelous thing, whether you do it while listening to music or use the sounds of the garden to recharge.

Either way, time quickly ticks away so make sure any uncovered skin is protected from the sun, especially if the weather is warm. Keep a flask of

tea handy, too - you'll be surprised at what thirsty work gardening can be.

I find that varying the task at hand is a great way to keep interest and attention to detail high. It also has the added benefit of preventing any repetitive strain.

Then, when you're finished, sit on a garden bench and revel in the satisfaction of a job well done.

Reflecting on what you've accomplished and enjoying your garden space is what it's all about.

TAKE A BREAK
Make the most of your green space

ahead with green community ideas

As we all spend more time in our gardens, many people are looking to turn abandoned areas into green havens.

But Riverside Hall Community Garden, in Glasgow, has taken that idea to another level and built a biodiversity bed in the shape of the Waverley paddle steamer.

Volunteers turned a former demolition site into a gorgeous garden the community can be proud of. It also has a purpose-built

potting shed, creative carvings, a polytunnel and raised beds, as well as a classroom and training space that is accessible for all.

Helpers also assist locals with their own gardens and carry out litter-picking.

Jane Burdass, the site's professional gardener, said: "People are here for various

reasons - social isolation, food poverty or mental health issues. A garden growing space can help many in its own way and ours has certainly been an asset to our local neighbourhood."

For more information on community gardening, visit cultivationstreet.com where you will also find free resources to help you get started.



GADGET of the week

This dinky frog and toad home from Frogilo is ideal for helping to attract amphibians to your garden.

It's particularly good if you have a pond, or have left a dark corner overgrown to attract such wildlife.

The handmade ceramic shelter gives frogs and toads protection from predators and is also frost-proof. I found it for £24.99 at primrose.co.uk.

