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JULY 7, 2017



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# 6 steps to creating fairy gardens for kids

Gardening can be an enjoyable activity for adults and children alike. Gardening encourages creative thinking and can make for an eco-friendly activity as well.

Adding a touch of whimsy to gardening can make it that much more attractive to children. Perhaps that is why fairy gardens have become so popular among youngsters. Fairy gardens can be designed in outdoor gardens or in containers that children can nurse and enjoy indoors. Here are six steps to get your fairy garden up and running.

1. Choose your container or location. Decide where to place the fairy garden. Hollowed-out tree stumps are both contained and outdoors, and kids may feel like the fairies inhabited this neglected area of the yard and made it their own. Otherwise, use containers you already have, such as old pots, hanging baskets, picnic baskets or cookie tins. Wooden birdhouses with their roofs removed also can make for clever places to house the gardens.



- 2. Choose a theme. Fairy houses can take on any theme their creators prefer. Themes help children decide what to include in their gardens. For example, a seaside retreat may work well with little reclining chairs, sea grasses and succulents. You can then complete the theme by adding some seashells and colored stones.
- 3. Draw up your design. Before securing anything in the container or digging into your garden bed, sketch out a garden design. This gives you an idea of how the finished product will look. Even before planting, gently place plants and other

- components in their spots and move them around accordingly until you find the desired look.
- 4. Include similar-needs plants. Mixing plants that have different requirements can make it challenging to care for the fairy garden, so select plants that require similar levels of sunlight, prefer similar soil conditions and require roughly the same amount of watering. Herbs are a smart choice because they stay small and are easily maintained.
- 5. Don't forget a fairy dwelling. You will need to add a house for the fairies to inhabit. Small

- bird houses can work, but you also can consider old teapots, birdnesting boxes or even homemade houses assembled out of bark and twigs. Use your imagination and the garden will take on a life of its own.
- 6. Invite the fairies. Children can invite fairies to take up residence (fairies often show up at night and tend to remain unseen), or children can create their own fairies using craft materials.

Fairy gardens are a fun way to introduce children to gardeing. Once families get started, they may want to create entire fairy villages.



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# The dos and don'ts of backyard fire pits

popular in recent years, as more and more homeowners turn their homes into private oases. Fire pits run the gamut from the very simple to the more elaborate, and the fire pits homeowners choose often depend on the space they have available as well as their budgets.

But even homeowners without any space or budget constraints should give careful consideration to which fire pit they ultimately install, especially if they plan to make that installation themselves. The following are some dos and don'ts of fire pits for those homeowners about to add this relaxing and popular accessory to their backyards.

**DO** confirm you can legally build a fire pit in your yard. Fire pits have become so commonplace that homeowners may think there are no regulations governing their construction. However, it's still best to confirm with your local government planning or zoning offices if you can build a fire pit and if any restrictions apply.

**DON'T** proceed with the project until you have been granted official approval. Assuming you have the go-ahead to build a fire pit is not the same thing as knowing you have been approved. Starting early could result in fines if it turns out you aren't allowed to have a fire pit. But you may also begin building a bigger fire pit than the local government allows, and that could be money down the drain later. Wait until you get official word before you proceed with the project.

**DO** build on flat ground. The fire pit should be built on flat ground to reduce risk of accident and/ or injury. A fire pit built on flat ground also means everyone can enjoy it comfortably and equally once the project is finished. If the ground around the pit is not flat, some people may be forced to sit crooked or lean forward just to enjoy the pit.

**DON'T** build near flammable structures. Build the fire pit far enough away from existing structures, such as your home, garage or shed, so

Once a rarity, fire pits have grown increasingly flickering flames do not catch some wind and lead to disaster. Before building in a given spot, monitor the wind patterns for a few days by sitting in a lawn chair at the spot you ultimately want the fire pit to be. If you notice the wind is blowing toward your house, you will want to choose another area for the pit so smoke from the fire will not be blowing into your home every night.

> DO choose the right size. The size of your fire pit will depend on the space you have available, but even if you have a vast swath of space, keep in mind that professional contractors typically recommend building a fire pit no bigger than 44 inches wide. Anything larger can be unsightly and may not appeal to prospective buyers down the road. In addition, an especially large fire pit may result in potentially unruly flames that can present a fire hazard.

> **DON'T** go it alone if your DIY skills are suspect. Installing a fire pit is a relatively inexpensive DIY job, but that does not mean anyone can do it. Ground needs to be excavated and the slope of the yard must be measured so the fire pit is safe and functional for years to come. If your DIY skills are not up to snuff, hire a professional contractor so your backyard oasis does not become a costly headache.

> A fire pit can turn a boring backyard into a relaxing retreat. But homeowners must adhere to the dos and don'ts of fire pits to ensure their retreat is something they can enjoy for years to come.





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# ONE MONTH BEFORE

- ✓ Make reservations for moving services and make a list of all items to be moved.
- ✓ Notify friends, relatives, creditors, etc. of your move. Begin submit-ting change of address forms to them and to your local post office.
- ✓ If you have children, be sure to request all of the necessary documents for transferring schools.
- ✓ Gather all important personal documents, medical/dental records, insurance policies, etc.
- ✓ Begin packing seldom-used items. Consider holding a garage sale for those items you won't be moving.
- ✓ Arrange connect/disconnect dates with telephone and utility companies.

# TWO WEEKS BEFORE

- ✓ Clear up any outstanding accounts
- ✓ Transfer checking and savings accounts to your new location.
- ✓ Return borrowed items including library books and retrieve loaned items.
- ✓ Arrange for pet travel, if necessary.
- ✓ Cancel/transfer any membership fees or prescriptions (ask your doctor for assistance)
- $\checkmark \textit{Service you'r car-especially if travelling a distance and/or moving to a new climate. }$
- ✓ Dispose of flammable liquids such as spray paints, solvents, and gas in lawn mowers.
  ✓ To avoid costly deposits, request "Perfect payment Record" letters from utility
- ✓ If you're planning to stop over-night, make reservations for accommodations.

# ONE WEEK BEFORE

- ✓ Clean appliances don't forget to clean the oven and defrost the refrigrator.
- ✔ Pick-up dry cleaning, if necessary.
- ✓ Start packing clothes. Remember to prepare "arrival kits" of essential items you'll need when you get to your new home (toiletries, medicines, paper plates, etc.)
- ✓ If moving into a pre-owned home, change the locks on all the doors.

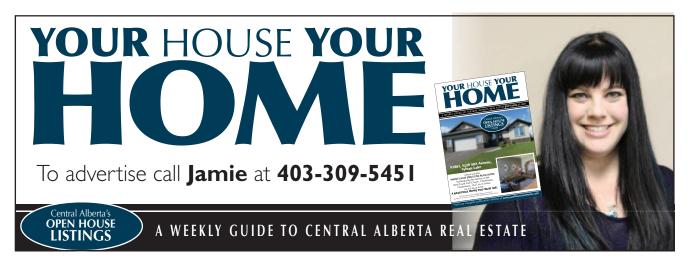
# **MOVING DAY!**

- ✓ Double -check shelves, closets and cabinets to make sure nothing is left behind. Look through the garage, attic and basement.
- ✓ Turn off lights, close and lock windows and doors.
- ✓ Leave the keys with your realtor.
- ✓ At your new home, check the circuit breakers and pilots to make sure everything is on.
- ✓ Make sure the telephones are working.









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114 Turner Crescent <b>2:00 – 4:00 pm</b> Dallas Todd		
14 Windermere Close <b>2:00 – 4:00 pm</b> Tim Maley		
231 Davison Drive <b>1:00 – 3:00 pm</b> Allan Melbourne		
12 Kirby Street <b>2:00 – 4:00 pm</b> Jim Escott		
21 Michener Place 2:00 – 4:00 pm Danielle Perry		
183 Duston Street <b>2:00 – 4:00 pm</b> Milena Toncheva		
20 Sullivan Close <b>2:00 – 4:00 pm</b> Simona Tantas	REALTY EXECUTIVES	396-5192 Sunnybrook South
4918 Doncaster Avenue <b>1:00 – 4:00 pm</b> Jake Warkentin	REALTY EXECUTIVES	<b>348-9996</b> \$179,900 Davenport
32 Jennings Crescent 2:00 – 4:00 pm Jan Carr	ROYAL LEPAGE NETWORK	<b>396-1200</b> \$369,900 Johnstone Crossing
15 Elwell Close <b>1:00 – 3:00 pm</b> Janice Morin	ROYAL LEPAGE NETWORK	<b>396-0004</b> \$229,900 Eastview Estates
86 Duston Street <b>2:00 – 4:00 pm</b> Sena Walker	ROYAL LEPAGE NETWORK	<b>358-0077</b> \$299,900 Deer Park Estates
32 Cornett Drive <b>2:00 – 4:00 pm</b> lzetta Sellors	ROYAL LEPAGE NETWORK	227-3325 Clearview Meadows
21 Dunning Crescent 12:00 – 2:00 pm Tanyalie Charles	ROYAL LEPAGE NETWORK	<b>598-1059</b> \$379,000 Deer Park Estates
61 Kendall Crescent 1:00 – 3:00 pm Steve Cormack	ROYAL LEPAGE NETWORK	<b>391-1672</b> \$364,900 Kentwood East
3 Veer Place <b>2:00 – 4:00 pm</b> Gail Leasak	PEGASUS BUILDERS	<b>347-0794</b> \$465,000 Vanier East
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32 Birch Crescent2:00 – 5:00 pm Darlis Dreveny	ROYAL LEPAGE NETWORK	<b>358-4981</b> \$334,800 Gull Lake
4621 57 Avenue <b>2:00 – 4:00 pm</b> Scott Wiber	ROYAL LEPAGE NETWORK	<b>505-3815</b> \$299,900 Rimbey
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# Yard sales are eco-friendly

Yard sales are a familiar sight on weekends and nice days, when homeowners post signs on telephone poles and community message boards in the hopes of luring passersby to swing by their homes and check out what they have to offer.

While many people visit yard sales looking for antiques or other unique items that likely can't be found at traditional retailers, yard sale shoppers should know that their efforts can be great for the environment. Shoppers can browse through gently used items that no longer serve utility for the seller but may be just what buyers are looking for. Rather than throwing out belongings that get little use, people who organize a sale are reducing their contributions to nearby landfills.

With yard sale season upon us, the following are some tips for buyers and sellers alike.

# **Buyers**

- Map out your sales. Look at advertisements and plot which sales you plan to visit. If you have specific items in mind to buy, you may have to visit several sales before you find what you need.
- · Buy only what you need. Don't be tempt-

- ed to stock up simply because the deals are good. Decide whether an item will be put to good use or you'll be selling it yourself in a week's time.
- Leave young kids at home. Many kids will grow bored after the first yard sale, if not earlier. Hire a sitter and shop unencumbered.
- Bring small bills. In a world where credit and debit cards prevail, yard sales stand out as cash-only endeavors. Save the seller the hassle of breaking big bills and using up all of his or her change by bringing along small denominations and even some change.
- Shop with a plan. If you are looking for something specific, you have the best chance of finding it by shopping early.
   For the best bargains, shopping toward the end of the sales may garner some deep discounts.

# Selling

Advertise the sale. The more shoppers
the better, so advertising your yard sale
can be advantageous. Put an ad in your
local newspaper. Some papers have
community calendar sections where
they also can make mention of the sale.

- Place signs around your neighborhood. Be aware that there are ordinances that govern where signage can be located. Check with your town's municipal office to determine if you need any permits for your signs or the yard sale itself. Make sure signs are legible for drivers and pedestrians alike.
- Avoid yard sales on major holiday weekends. Many people are away, and you may not get the traffic you're hoping for.
- Have a nice display. First impressions can mean a lot. Buyers are more apt to visit neat, well-laid-out sales than those that are just a bunch of boxes that have to be dug through.
- Be reasonable when pricing items. Be objective in your assessment of your things. What has value to you may not have as much value to someone else. Pricing items at one-third of their initial cost is a good starting point. This leaves room for negotiation.

Whether you are the yard sale shopper or seller, following some guidelines can make your experience more successful.

# **Ask Charles**

My townhouse is listed for sale. There was a showing earlier today, and I found out those "buyers" just viewed my home to see it as a comparable for their own listing. Is that allowed?

The short answer is, no, it shouldn't be.

When you list your property for sale, you expect that showings of your property are to potential buyers. Unless a buyer or the buyer's representative discloses it to you beforehand, any other reason for a showing is dishonest through omission.

Real estate professionals have a requirement to be honest with their clients and with third-parties. That means that a buyer's real estate professional has to be honest with you and your real estate professional.

It is reasonable for you to expect that buyers booking a viewing of your property are doing so with the potential for purchasing the property. If their reason is different, then it is reasonable for you to expect them, and their agent, to be up front about it.

No one wants to have to keep their house in show-home-ready condition, and vacate the premises for a showing unless there is real potential the buyers are interested in buying. This may be particularly true if you have a young family and leaving at the spur of the moment for last-minute showings or showings at bedtime are particularly inconvenient.

There are also things you can do - and discuss with your agent - to lower the likelihood of showings for ulterior purposes. You can ask your agent to not allow viewings from people who don't appear to be serious buyers. For example, this may mean your agent asks buyer's agents to only bring buyers who are pre-approved for a mortgage.

As the seller, you control the process buyers must go through to view your property. If you want to set specific times during which viewings are allowed, you can. If you want to only admit buyers who are pre-approved, you can. Ensure your agent writes those instructions in the listing.

Remember, though, sometimes buyers come when you're least expecting it – and any attempt to reduce showings or limit availability for showings may be detrimental to your listing.

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