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Backyard Garden Newsletter



Welcome!

Welcome to the May 2026 issue of the City of Brampton's Backyard Garden Club e-newsletter!

Preparing for the Season

The weather is warming, and we're all excited to get out in the garden. The ground may be too cold for tender plants, but there's still lots to do.

- Make sure your tools are clean and sharp.
- Watch evening temperatures. While days become warm, overnight frost, particularly in early May, is possible. Tender annuals and vegetables won't be happy.
- Dandelions are a good, natural indicator of soil temperature. When you see them flowering, it's a good indication that soil temperatures are warm enough to direct sow hardy, cool-weather crops like lettuce, spinach, kale, onions, peas, and radishes.
- Slowly begin hardening off houseplants and seedlings that were grown indoors by placing them in shade for 1-2 hours, gradually increasing time and sun exposure daily, bringing them in at night until they are ready to transplant.
- Check winter sowing containers to avoid overheating or dry soil.
- Clear away matted leaves and other debris to expose new plant growth to light.
- Look for perennials that may need division.
- Top-dress garden beds with 1-2 inches of compost or well-rotted manure to improve soil texture and nutrients. Carefully remove top crusty/compacted soil from container pots and add organic amendments.
- If you have flowers in bloom, that's great! Insects are awake and hungry. You want to encourage and support a healthy balanced eco-system. But, some will nibble on tender seedlings. Inspect your plants early and often to prevent infestations. Many insects hide on the underside of leaves and lay eggs there.

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SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CANADA SPOTLIGHT

How to Transplant your Seedlings



Your next mission is to set your seedlings up for success on the second part of their journey: Life outside. Transplanting seedlings isn't as simple as just putting your little guys into the ground—but it isn't complicated, either, with the right know-how. Here's what to do

If you have any questions, email us bramptongreencity@brampton.ca

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Support those in need in our community

If you are able, please consider donating a portion of your vegetable harvest to our local foodbanks. When dropping off your produce mention you are apart of the City of Brampton's Backyard Garden Program.

Regeneration Marketplace

253 Queen Street East

Hours of operation: Tuesday to Friday, 9 am to 3:30pm (Closed 11:30 am to 1pm)

Knights Table

287 Glidden Road, Unit 4 (use back door)

Hours of operation: Monday to Friday, 10 am to 6 pm

Lifting the Fallen Church/Iglesia Pentecostal Levantando Al Caído

171 Advance Boulevard, Unit 14-15

Hours of operation: Friday, 10 am to 4 pm | Saturday, 5 to 8 pm | Sunday, 3 to 7 pm | Monday to Thursday by appointment only, call 905-499-0777

Heart Lake United Church's Community Cupboard

85 Sandalwood Parkway East

Hours of operation: Wednesday, 6:30 to 7:30 pm by appointment only, call 905.846.4519

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