



Mulch your flower beds and trees with 75mm of organic material - it conserves water, adds humus and nutrients, and discourages weeds. It gives your beds a nice, finished appearance.

Consider green, leafy trees when planting near the house. They increase in value as they grow and save energy and money by shading our houses in the summer, and letting the sun shine through for warmth in the winter.

Avoid frequent, deep cultivation, which can damage plant roots, dry out the soil, disturb healthy soil organisms, and bring weed seeds to the surface where they will germinate.

Aphids? Spray infested stems, leaves, and buds with a very dilute soapy water, then clear water. It works even on the heaviest infestation.

Mulch acid-loving plants with a thick layer of pine needles each autumn. As the needles decompose, they will deposit their acid in the soil.

Plant newly purchased plants during the late evening or on a cloudy day. They have a much better chance of surviving if planted during cloudy, rainy weather than dry, sunny weather.

Landscaping your yard is the only home improvement that can return up to 200% of your original investment.

Plant vines on walls, fences, and overhead structures for quick shade, vertical softening, and colourful flower displays.

Organically grown herbs make wonderful landscape plants. They flavour foods, provide medicinal properties, and offer up fragrances. And most thrive on neglect.

Formal gardens are for you if you love symmetry. They work best around a focal point like a fountain, sculpture, specimen tree, or group of plants..

Organic Gardening Tips

Shade gardens are low maintenance - they require less watering, slower growth & have fewer weeds!

There is no need to work the soil deeply when adding compost or soil amendments. Eighty five percent of a plant's roots are found in the top 150mm of soil.

Dig an ugly hole when planting a tree or shrub. A hole with "glazed" sides from a shovel will restrict root penetration into the surrounding soil.

Planting from plastic containers? Carefully remove the plant and tear the outside roots if they have grown solidly against the container.

Think of mulching as "maintaining the forest floor": add 25-75mm of compost or mulch to planting beds each year.

Bare soil should not be visible around a new planting. Always cover with a layer of mulch, any coarse-textured, loose organic material.

Think "biodiversity". Using many different kinds of plants encourage many different kinds of beneficial insects to take up residence in your yard.

Weeds? Spot-spray with common full-strength household vinegar, on a sunny day. It's an organic weed killer that's safe for you and the environment.

Mulch! The rain and irrigation water runs off the land, eroding and depleting your unprotected soil.

To prevent diseases and pest infestation, avoid piling mulch against tree trunks. Spread mulch out as far as the drip line.

When planting, take into consideration the plant's size at maturity. Layer by height and bloom time for emphasis and constant color.

For a good start, water the ground thoroughly before and after applying a mulch cover.



Soaker hoses deliver water directly to the base of the plant, reducing moisture loss from evaporation. Early morning is the best time of day to water.

Try the least-disruptive and least-polluting protections against a pest first: initially, physical removal, barriers, & traps; next, biological controls; then, appropriate botanical and mineral pesticides.

Bright light washes out the cool colours, blue, green, and purple. They are best used in shaded areas for maximum impact.

When buying annuals or perennials, select plants that are budded but not yet in bloom, so their energy the first two or three weeks in your garden will be directed toward making larger and stronger plants with better-developed root systems.

To increase water conservation, look for drought-resistant plants. Usually these plants have silver leaves, deep taproots and small leaves. Succulents are also able to withstand dry weather.

Red, orange, and yellow in your landscape will draw the eye and bring objects closer. To make a small garden feel larger, place warm colours in the front of the space and cool colours in the back.

Cover street noise - sound pollution can be minimized by the use of water features, such as a waterfall, or a pond with a fountain jet. Wind chimes also help, as can bird feeders that attract songbirds.

Newly planted trees need supplemental water to avoid transplant shock, so water deeply on a weekly basis throughout the growing season.

Less than 2 percent of the insects in the world are harmful. Beneficial insects such as ground beetles, ladybugs, praying mantids, spiders, and wasps keep harmful insects from devouring your plants. They also pollinate your plants and decompose organic matter.

1. The Driver

A driver was once stopped by a police officer. He was a good driver and as far as he knew he had done nothing wrong.

The police officer said, "I pulled you over because you were doing 70 clicks in a school zone. There were ten warning signs that the speed limit was 20 kms and you ignored them all."

Just like the driver had ten warning signs, God has given us ten clear warning signs in the Bible. They are called the 10 Commandments.

Have you ever told a lie, stolen something or used God's name as a curse word? If you're like most of us, then the answer is 'yes'. The Bible says:

For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. James 2:10

God is saying that by breaking one Commandment we have sinned and will be held accountable for breaking all of them, including adultery and murder!

The wages of sin is death! Romans 6:23a

Sinners are banished to hell because God will not allow sin into His presence. Pretending you are "not that bad" or ignoring hell does not change the fact that you have broken God's laws and will certainly face a horrible, unthinkable future of judgment.

If the story ends here we all are without hope!

2. The Convict

An innocent man approached a judge and volunteered to be executed in the place of a convicted murderer. The judge consented. The next day the judge told the convict he had a decision to make.

"An innocent man has been put to death in your place. If you will accept his payment for your crime, you are free to go. If you will not accept his payment, you will be executed for your crime. Which do you choose?"

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was sinless but voluntarily gave his life to pay the penalty for your sins and mine. (Remember: God's judgment for our sin is death). Three days later Jesus rose from the dead.

God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Rom 5:8

The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23b

As a result of Jesus' death in your place, you now have two choices:

Receive both God's pardon for your sins and eternal life by repenting of your sin (admitting and turning from) and placing your trust in the Lord Jesus. (Acts 20:21)

OR

Reject both God's pardon for your sins and eternal life by trusting in anyone or anything other than Jesus to make you acceptable to God, thus bearing the penalty for breaking God's law yourself.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. John 3:36

Knowing about Jesus doesn't mean you believe in Jesus!

3. The Skydiver

Skydivers demonstrate their belief in their parachutes every time they jump from an airplane – they have no other hope!

Sinners are converted into Christians when they put their trust in Jesus – trusting only Him (not self or religion!) to take away their sins and give them eternal life.

A Christian is not one who does "Christian" things, but one who has been changed from the inside out as only Jesus Christ can do.

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Cor 5:17

Just as entering a garage won't make you a mechanic, attending a church won't make you a Christian. If you would like to receive God's pardon for your sins and the gift of eternal life, consider a prayer like this:

"Jesus, I admit that I've broken your commands and deserve hell. Please forgive me. I believe you paid the penalty for my sins when you died on the cross and rose from the dead. I want to turn from my sin and place my trust in you as my only Lord & Saviour. I am willing to follow you the rest of my life. Thank you for the gift of eternal life. Amen."

Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:13

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