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PREPARING YOUR YARD FOR FALL

AS SUMMER WINDS DOWN, THERE ARE SOME KEY LANDSCAPING TO-DO'S THAT WILL HELP YOU KEEP YOUR LAWN FRESH THROUGHOUT FALL. CHECK OUT THIS LIST OF SIMPLE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PREP YOUR YARD FOR FALL AND KEEP IT HEALTHY DURING THE CHANGING SEASONS.



1. WATER YOUR LAWN
WATER YOUR LAWN TO HELP IT RECOVER FROM THE STRESS OF SUMMER AND ALSO GAIN STRENGTH FOR THE COMING WINTER.

2. FERTILIZE
APPLY FERTILIZER ABOUT 3 WEEKS BEFORE THE LAST MOW SO YOUR GRASS' ROOTS CAN STORE ENERGY AND NUTRIENTS TO HELP IT SURVIVE WINTER AND COME BACK STRONG IN THE SPRING.

3. AERATE
AERATING YOUR LAWN RELIEVES COMPACTION CAUSED BY FOOT TRAFFIC AND ALLOWS AIR, NUTRIENTS AND WATER TO HELP YOUR GRASS' ROOTS THRIVE.

4. MONITOR
PESTSINSECTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY LIVING IN YOUR LAWN CAN CAUSE MAJOR DAMAGE THROUGHOUT THE WINTER. TAKE THE TIME DURING FALL TO ELIMINATE LAWN PESTS, SUCH AS GRUBS, ARMYWORMS AND EVEN WEEDS.

5. RAISE MOWER
HEIGHTRAISING MOWER BLADE HEIGHT BY ONE INCH DURING THE FALL HELPS INCREASE YOUR GRASS' "LEAF AREA" AND ALLOWS IT TO CAPTURE MORE SUNLIGHT AND STORE MORE FOOD FOR THE WINTER.



Spooky Homes In Pennsylvania

THORNBURY FARM WEST CHESTER



THORNBURY FARM IS WHERE THE FINAL ENGAGEMENT OF THE BATTLE OF BRANDYWINE OCCURRED. DURING THE BATTLE, SO MANY AMERICANS SHOT AND BAYONETED THAT IT WAS SAID THE BLOOD FLOWED OVER TWO MILES TO THE BRANDYWINE. IN ADDITION TO THERE BEING GHOSTS OF THOSE WHO MAY HAVE BATTLED HERE, THE MOST FAMOUS GHOST IS THAT OF A LITTLE GIRL WHO COULD BE HEARD CRYING IN ONE OF THE ROOMS. THE BARN AND SPRING HOUSE ON THE GROUNDS WERE USED TO HOLD PRISONERS AND THE MAIN HOUSE ONCE WAS A HOSPITAL. TWO MASS BURIAL SITES ON THE PROPERTY WERE USED TO DISPOSE OF DEAD BODIES. THORNBURY FARM BEGAN AS A STONE HOUSE THAT WAS BUILT IN 1709 AND THERE'S ALSO A LOG CABIN FROM THE 1600'S.

JENNIE WADE HOUSE GETTYSBURG



THE JENNIE WADE HOUSE IS NOW A TOURIST ATTRACTION. THE HOME SPORTS A BULLET HOLE IN ONE OF ITS DOORS, WHERE JENNIE WADE HERSELF WAS SHOT BY A STRAY BULLET DURING THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG. STORIES SAY THAT WOMEN WHO PUT THEIR FINGER THROUGH THE HOLE WILL SOON BE PROPOSED MARRIAGE, A GIFT FROM JENNIE HERSELF, WHO WAS KILLED BEFORE SHE HAD THE CHANCE TO GET MARRIED.

MAKING GUTTERS USEFULLY BEAUTIFUL



One pleasure in buying an older home is the dazzling fall colors of your trees. But, what happens to the leaves when they fall? Gutters route roof water away from vulnerable areas of the home's exterior and garden, so don't let leaves clog them. If your new home doesn't have gutters or needs new ones, consider investing in them as an important part of your home's curb appeal. Today's gutters are far from the boring half-pipe gullies of the past.

Gutters come in an array of sizes, materials and designs that add style and value to your home. The K-style has a staircase design that resembles crown molding, so your home appears finished in finer detail from the street. Vinyl is the most economical, but least durable. Aluminum is better but can still crack like vinyl. If your home is surrounded by trees, or your area experiences strong winds, choose steel, zinc or copper which can bear more weight and last a lifetime. A general rule is the more durable and valuable the material, the higher the cost, but the longer it will last, according to Bankrate.com. You can also get leaf and debris guards to minimize home maintenance chores.



GNOME PUMPKINS



WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- SMALL PUMPKIN
- GNOME HAT PATTERN (PG.6)
- WOOL FABRIC
- CRAFT GLUE OR IRON-ON FUSIBLE TAPE
- QUILT BATTING
- CRAFT BEAD (ONE PER PUMPKIN)
- HOT GLUE
- STRANDS OF YARN

INSTRUCTIONS: TRACE HAT TEMPLATE ON WOOL FABRIC, ADJUSTING SIZE AS NECESSARY; CUT OUT. USE CRAFT GLUE OR IRON-ON FUSIBLE TAPE TO GLUE STRAIGHT EDGES TOGETHER. FILL HAT WITH BATTING TO HELP IT STAND UPRIGHT; SET ON PUMPKIN. ATTACH A SMALL WOOD CRAFT BEAD TO A SMALL PUMPKIN WITH HOT-GLUE TO CREATE A NOSE. ATTACH STRANDS OF YARN WITH HOT GLUE AROUND NOSE TO CREATE BEARD; TRIM AS NECESSARY.

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Gnome Hat Pattern

