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Preparing Your Landscape For Fall

Most of us enjoy fall gardening but even the dedicated gardeners sometimes tire this time of year. Here's a few hints to make fall and winter easier.

- Fall is perhaps the most important time of the year to prepare your yard and plants for the next growing season. It is time to cut back fading stalks, leaves, weeds and clean up the garden before winter. Removing spent foliage and decomposing plant material can aid in the prevention of pests and plant disease being held over into the next growing season.

- Fall is also the season when weeds go to seed, so removal of them can help to lessen the population of weeds in the spring.

- If you do not have time to pull up troublesome weeds and plants, at least try to clip off the heads before they drop their seeds on the ground. Dispose of the seeds in a trash pile, not a compost heap. Another method of reducing the weed population on your flower beds is to place a sheet of black plastic over it during the winter and weigh it down with rocks or bricks.

- Fall is a good time to divide perennials for the spring season. Because the plants are going into dormancy, they won't be shocked by cutting or transplanting in the fall. Spring blooming bulbs should be planted in the fall. Remember to do it before the ground freezes or they will not do well in the spring.

- For expert advice on preparing your landscape for fall, visit the professionals at Linton's Garden Centre!



As a service to our customers, Linton's offers complimentary wedding consultations. Please call Ruth Linton at Linton's, 293-9699 to set up your appointment and receive a complimentary bouquet of flowers at your consultation.

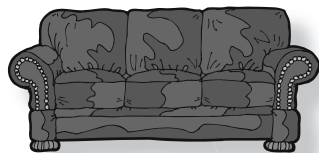
Top Interior Design Trends of 2005

Staying on top of design trends can be tough, as they quickly fall in and out of favor. Still, knowing the trends is crucial to creating standout interiorscape looks for commercial or residential spaces.

Boost your style IQ and take note of these top looks of the year.

- A gradual move away from minimalist style toward more opulent, old-Hollywood glamour. Now, the minimalist office with a sleek leather sofa will call for touches like a cashmere throw or silk pillows.

- A high-fashion color palette. Raspberry, grass green and indigo blues rule, as do sage and gold, which harmonize with popular earthy looks.



In general, design and clothing colors will continue to

mimic each other, with increasingly uncommon color combinations.

- Layering of textures. From lighting to fabrics to carpeting, textures are in, but they must never conflict.

- Increased use of glass as an accessory. Whether crystal, etched, colored or plain, glass vases and accessories will assume prominent roles.

In addition to these trends, another key development is increased awareness of "green" design, or use of products that are recycled and cause minimal environmental harm. Of course, live green foliage complements this design philosophy, which is gaining momentum.

Visit the designers at Linton's to assist you with your design needs for that extra special touch!

LINTON'S 2005 Calendar of Events!

October 1 & 2..... October Fest Open House-
November 2 & 4..... Red Carpet Open House
(6-8 pm)
November 5 & 6..... Christmas Open House

Saturday hours for all events
8 am - 5 pm

Sunday hours for all events
10 am - 4 pm

“Let my words, like vegetables,
be tender and sweet, for
tomorrow I may have to
eat them.”

Author Unknown

Linton's Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 - 6:00 • Saturday 8:00 - 5:00 • Sunday 10:00 - 4:00

Look What's New At Linton's...

Our LED sign! Our sign features all of the happenings, from sale items to special events!



Fertilize Your Lawn In The Fall

September is an excellent time to improve your lawn with a fertilizer application. Fertilizing helps the plant manufacture food for itself, which is stored in the roots and used during the winter months. The recommended rate of fertilizer in September is 1 to 1.5 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of lawn.

By doing some simple math, you can figure out how many pounds of nitrogen are in a bag of fertilizer and how many square feet of lawn that bag can cover. If you have a forty pound bag of a 25-10-12 fertilizer, you have a bag that contains 25 percent nitrogen, 10 percent phosphorus, and 12 percent potassium by weight. Translated to pounds, the bag contains 10 pounds of phosphorus and 4.8 pounds of potassium.

Remember, the recommended rate is 1 to 1.5 pounds of nitrogen per 100 square feet of lawn. By dividing the 10 pounds of nitrogen in the bag by 1, you'll see the bag will fertilize 10,000 square feet of lawn. If you choose to fertilize at the higher 1.5 pound rate, the bag will treat about 6,500 square feet of turf.

Slow release products are suggested to avoid the burst of growth associated with the cheaper, faster release nitrogen products. Typically a good slow-release product may state on the label that it is 30 percent to 50 percent water insoluble nitrogen.

For more information about lawn care, please stop by and see our staff at Linton's Garden Centre.

“ The richness I achieve comes from Nature, the source of my inspiration. ”

Claude Monet

Household Tips To Make Your Life Easier...

Need to get rid of kitchen odors?

Fill a jar with a couple of vanilla beans and keep the lid off. The vanilla odor will permeate the air! Also, try baking some orange peels in the oven at 350 degrees. Bake for about 15 min. and you'll notice a nice aroma.

Dull coffee grinder?

Grind a cup of uncooked rice. It will clean the grinder and sharpen the blades.

Cleaning windows?

Wipe the outside of the pane with vertical strokes and the inside with horizontal strokes. If any streaks appear it will be easier to tell which side they are on.

Grease stain on your carpet?

Shake some cornstarch over the grease stain and let it set overnight or at least 8 hours. Then vacuum and you will see marvelous results.

Baby wipes?

They're not just for babies! They are miracle-workers on carpet and clothing stains. From motor oil to blood, they remove almost anything!

Happy Cleaning!

What are FreeBees?

It's our way of saving you, our valued customer money! What's the catch? There is none! We will be running weekly specials that will be featured in the Elkhart Truth as well as our in-store flyer. All featured items will be "FreeBees" and each week we will have different FreeBees offered.

FreeBees are FREE plants, trees, shrubs and flowers offered in conjunction with a purchase. For example: Buy one, get one free or buy one, get two free. This is our way of saying "Thank you" to you, our loyal customer. Watch for the FreeBees!



Celebrate Fall

Bring the family and celebrate fall with us at Linton's. Children of all ages will enjoy our straw pumpkin maze (suitable for younger children). The maze is decorated in our large greenhouse from October 1st - 31st.

Remember the special moments by bringing your camera and taking a family photo in our photo spot. This area is decorated with straw, pumpkins, mums and other beautiful fall items.

Don't forget to visit Sophie (our miniature horse) and the other animals at our petting zoo and let the children play at the kid's corner!

Add a touch of fall to your home by stopping by our Garden Centre for pumpkins, corn shocks, Indian corn, mums, asters and gourds. Visit our Gift Shoppe for a complete selection of Halloween and other fall decorations for both indoors and outdoors.



We kick off the celebration with our Octoberfest Open House on October 1st & 2nd. Come join the fun!

Step Down The Aisle In Style

Here's some budding news for brides-to-be: You may think outside the bunch. That's right-it's OK to go beyond traditional whites to wedding flowers in vogue colors and designs. Trade the conventional for contrast.



Try a different bouquet for each bridesmaid. An individual flair for each boutonniere. Centerpieces from modern to Zen are in. The top floral trends bring ambience and romance to your wedding. And no one brings it together like **LINTON'S**. We are expert advisors in color and flowers, and will create a complete look that's all yours. With **LINTON'S**, you'll step down the aisle in style.

So relax. And let **LINTON'S** make all the arrangements...for the perfect flowers for your picture perfect wedding day. Call **LINTON'S** for a free consultation at 293-9699.

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Help Save Mother Earth

Every year millions of nursery pots are used just once and then hauled away to the landfill. By recycling and re-using the pots, we can all do our part to help Mother Earth.

For each used black plastic nursery pot returned to us, Linton's will reward you with a credit of 5¢ per container. (1 gallon or larger). And we don't mind if the container was purchased elsewhere.



At Linton's, every day is Earth Day!

Note: Black pots must be in relatively good condition.



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Appealing Apple Cup



This project is easy enough for children to handle after an adult uses a knife to hollow out a bowl inside the apple. Insert four nails evenly spaced about halfway down the side, leaving the nailheads out about 1/4" from the skin. Mix birdseed with enough peanut butter to evenly coat the seeds. Spoon the mixture into the apple cup. Cut four

equal lengths of raffia (about 14"-16" long) and attach one string to each nail. tie the ends together at the top to hang from a tree or hook.

The Latest In Floral Delivery!



Linton's has a new colorful delivery van. Watch for us on the road!

ASK IRIS!

Dear Iris,

I pulled out my annual plants, now my yard looks bare and all green. Any suggestions?

Signed, Am I-Late in Asking

Dear Am I,

Not at all. You can still plant for fall color now. With October frost in sight, trees produce less and less chlorophyll, allowing the yellow, red, and orange pigments to show through in leaves. Fall color accents in gardens are provided by: Dwarf Fothergilla, Clethra alnifolia, Hydrangea Querafolia, Serviceberry, Viburnums, Red & Gold Barberry, Virginia Sweetspire and Burning Bush.

For larger tree color, (yellow) Birch varieties, Poplar and some Maples; (red) Maples and Dogwoods; (brown & golden bronze tones) Oaks and Hickories; (purple) Smoketree & Japanese Maple. Also, let medium and tall grasses remain unpruned for a fall show of tan and gold and to protect the growing crown at the base during the winter cold months.

Fall planting provides cooler soil and air temperatures which reduces transplant stress. You can plant until the ground freezes, but allow time for younger trees' roots to establish.

Signed, Iris

What's Cooking?

Iced Pumpkin Cookies

- 1 C. unsalted butter
- 1 C. sugar
- 1 C. cooked, pured pumpkin (fresh or canned)
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 2 cups unbleached all purpose flour
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. freshly grated nutmeg
- 1 C. walnuts
- 1 C. raisins



Icing:

- 2 C. sifted confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 C. butter, softened
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 3 tbsp. whipping cream, fresh orange juice or rum

Preheat oven to 350° F. Cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Add pumpkin, egg and vanilla and mix well. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. Stir into butter mixture until well blended. Add nuts and raisins. Drop by teaspoonful onto parchment covered baking sheet, about 2" apart. Bake about 15 min. or until golden brown. Cool.

Icing: Cream confectioners' sugar and butter. Add remaining ingredients and beat until smooth. (If icing is too thin, add more confectioners' sugar, if too thick, add more cream, orange juice or rum.) Drizzle over cookies.

Yield: 6 dozen cookies.

UN-REAL!

Is it realistic to expect to find a shoppe that can serve so many of your decorating needs? At Linton's, we have a huge selection of permanent floral and foliage arrangements, plants, trees, and accessories that people take to be real. With a wide range of price points, and an in-house consultant, the reality is, no one will serve you, the customer better. Stop by Linton's Floral Shoppe and see all the possibilities.



Flower Therapy

Know of someone who deserves a high-five, needs to feel better or could use a moment of calm? An artful floral arrangement can convey any feeling without using words, just color. We call it "Flower Therapy".

Feeling *romantic*? Delicate pinks are heart warming. Show someone you care with a *nurturing* arrangement of the softest pastels. And a lush palette of reds sets a *sensuous* mood. Send a celebration with a *whimsical* bouquet of bold, playful colors. Or settle into tranquility with misty blues and greens.

For Flower Therapy, visit Linton's Floral & Gift Shoppe and meet our two new designers, Nancy Andrews and Tony DeDario. With their many years of experience, they will help you choose the perfect sentiment!



Home Tip...

Carpet Dents?

You've moved the furniture, but the carpet "remembers" the old arrangement. No problem: Leave an ice cube in each dent overnight. By morning, most of the fibers will be fluffed up and all you'll have to do is blot them with a cloth and gently comb the stragglers back in place.

October Fest 2005

Saturday, Oct. 1st - 8 to 5

Sunday, Oct. 2nd - 10 to 4

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