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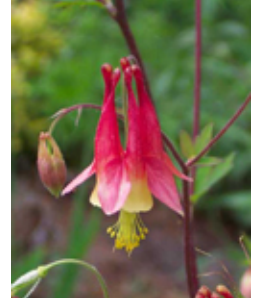
# Bringing Green To Your Backyard



Your backyard is a fantastic place to **Go Green!** With some simple planning, and a little handwork, your backyard can be transformed into an eco-friendly destination during the hot summer months!

**Plant a Tree:** Save money on your electricity bill - plant a tree! Deciduous trees provide excellent shade; reducing the need to turn on the air conditioning!

**Plant Native Plants:** Planting native plants helps to protect local biodiversity and to attract pollinators. Native plants are also better suited to local conditions - this means no pesticides, less water, and less gardening required to keep your garden beautiful.



**Use Compost:** Synthetic fertilizers contain arsenic and other toxic chemicals. Compost is all natural. By placing a composter in a sunny corner of your backyard, and combining beautiful browns (dried leaves, shredded cardboard, etc.) with gorgeous greens (fruit and vegetable scrapes) you can produce a rich compost to fertilize your garden! Check our website for composting tips.



**Harvest Rainwater:** Rainwater is free of chemical additives, making it a great choice for watering your garden! Place a rain barrel in your backyard to collect rainwater for later use.

**Conserve Water:** If you do choose to water your lawn, remember our Municipal bylaw to restrict water usage and only water on calendar days that correspond with your house number.

## Electric and Battery Powered Yard

**Equipment:** Gas powered lawn mowers and trimmers are extreme pollutants. Today, many of these gas guzzling machines can be efficiently and effectively replaced by electric and battery powered machines - a much greener alternative!



*For more information, visit [www.terracebay.ca/green](http://www.terracebay.ca/green)*

*Don't blow it - good planets are hard to find. ~ Quoted in Time*