



Lawn Care and Garden Services

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Springtime in the Garden

Springtime is the most wonderful time of fresh new growth, fragrance, colour, new life and renewal. The first signs of warmth bring joy and cheer in our gardens encouraging spring flowers to open and enjoy the sunshine.

I am happy to provide any of the services covered in this newsletter. I can also supply the **bulbs, plants, hedging, compost** and other materials if required.



SUMMER FLOWERING BULBS

Now is the time to be thinking about **summer colour** and planting summer flowering bulbs in borders, containers and tubs. Available from early spring, buy dry bulbs when they're as fresh as possible. **BULB BUYING TIP!** - Healthy bulbs will feel firm and show no signs of mould or damage. Look for bigger bulbs as they'll produce bigger blooms.

Summer bulbs, such as alliums, agapanthus and gladioli, should be planted in spring, when the soil is beginning to warm up. Timing is important and it's best to avoid the temptation to plant too early in cold soil as the bulbs will not start to grow and may rot.

WATER BUTTS

Environmentally friendly and reliable, a water butt connected into a drainpipe down-comer provides rain water free of charge on tap! A great alternative, or addition, to a plumbed in outside tap. Supplied and installed, please ask for details.



LAWNS

Now is the ideal time to scarify the lawn to remove build up of thatch and allow light and air into the lawn. If the lawn is compacted in places then aeration may be appropriate.

GIFT VOUCHERS

Sometimes thinking of a gift for a special occasion or as a treat can be difficult. So here's an idea for any garden lover or better still non-garden lover!

A Lawn Care and Garden Services gift voucher can be used for anything from grass cutting or planting to a consultation on ideas and ways to change or improve a garden. Gift vouchers are available from £20. Please ask for details.



WELCOME TO JOE!

I am delighted to have the opportunity to provide a one week work placement for Joe, 15 years old from Kenton High School. Joe will be working with me week commencing 3 May.

PRUNING

Pruning this is an important time in the garden life cycle for pruning certain plants to ensure plant health and vigour and encourage flowering or fruit production later this year. As a rule of thumb plants which flower later in the year on current seasons growth are the ones which may benefit from pruning in spring before the new growth gets underway.

PRUNING TIP ! Don't prune spring flowering plants such as camellia and cherry trees as their flowing buds will be lost

RAISED BEDS

Hand made in Camperdown (by me) using heavy duty recycled timber. Custom made to any size, delivered and installed.



My Garden.

Sometimes people ask 'what's your garden like Tony?' Well, at the start of this year we decided to re-design our garden which tied in nicely with undertaking the RHS module on garden design. Our needs have changed recently from needing a child and dog friendly garden with plenty of play area for many years. The new design includes a path for easy access to and from the house to the shed, a new seating area, a raised bed for herbs and strawberries and newly planted areas for all year colour, scent and attracting birds and butterflies.

Before



After



Happy gardening!

Tony.