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Sunday, September 20, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Location: 14 Clayton Ave., Hamburg, PA 19526. Travel on Old Rt. 22, turn onto Clayton Ave. to auction on right.

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READER'S Recipe



FLOURLESS CHOCOLATE TORTE

5 large eggs, separated
12 oz. semisweet chocolate, chopped
3/4 cup butter, cubed

1/4 tsp. cream of tartar
1/2 cup sugar
Confectioners' sugar, optional

Place egg whites in a large bowl; let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 350°. In top of a double boiler or metal bowl over barely shimmering water, melt the chocolate and butter; stir until smooth. Remove from heat; cool slightly. In another large bowl, beat egg yolks until thick and lemon-colored, about 5 minutes. Beat in chocolate mixture. With clean beaters, beat egg whites and cream of tartar on medium speed until foamy. Gradually add sugar, 1 Tbsp. at a time, beating on high after each addition until sugar is dissolved. Continue beating until stiff glossy peaks form. Fold a fourth of the egg whites into chocolate mixture, then fold in remaining whites. Transfer to a greased 9-in. springform pan. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out with moist crumbs, 40-45 minutes (do not overbake). Cool on wire rack. Loosen the sides from pan with a knife. Remove rim from the pan. If desired, dust torte with confectioner's sugar.

Send your recipes to: *The Windsor Press, Inc.*
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09-14-20	Leesport Farmers Mkt., Banquet Hall	K. Leiby
09-14-20	Online Only	Zettlemoyer Auc. Co.
09-16-20	847 Main St., Shoemakersville	D. Loeb
09-16-20	Online Only	Zettlemoyer Auc. Co.
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09-17-20	Oley Val. Auc. Co., Rts. 73, 662 & Oley Rd.	J. Haas
09-17-20	201 Beverly Ave., Reading	Renaissance Auc. Group
09-18-20	Andreas Station House, 42 Andreas Rd.	D. Arner
09-18-20	Saucony Hall, 85 Industrial Ave., Kutztown	C. Shirk
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09-19-20	117 Callowhill St., Centerport	K. Leiby
09-19-20	6 Berne Rd., Hamburg	Wagner Auc. Serv.
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09-24-26	38 S. Main St., Hellertown	Zettlemoyer Auc. Co.
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10-03-20	Leesport Farmers Mkt. Banquet Hall	Wagner Auc. Serv.
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10-24-20	Beltzner Hall, Kutztown	G. Miller IV

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Friday, September 18, 2020 at 1:30 P.M.

Location: Saucony Hall, 85 Industrial Ave., Kutztown, Berks Co., PA 19530. From E. Main St. in Kutztown, turn onto Willow St., 1 block, R. onto Industrial Ave., to Hall on R.

Furn. (1:30): Blind Dutch cupbrd; glass-top Dutch cupbrd; bucket bench; hanging screened pie safe; oak china cabnt w/applied fancywork; oak drsr w/secret drwr; clawfoot drsr & chiffonier; oak fluted & turned-leg libr. tbls; primitive low cupbrd; oak clawfoot sidebrd; Quarter sawn oak cabnt; oak glass-front cabnt; cherry slant-front desk; oak "S" roll-top desk; oak chst drws w/bonnet cupbrd; clawfoot spiral leg ext. tbl.; Settle tbl.; asst blanket chsts; dbl. lidded mustard painted wood box; oak canopy top mirrored sidebrd; Ebersole drop-leaf tbl. & 8 fiddle-back plank chrs; Sligh cherry grandfather's clock; oak curio cabnts; Empire chst drws; cedar chsts; Depr. drsrs & chsts drws; Victorian stand; Mission-style oak desk; Waterfall BDRS; elec. lift chr; 3 recliners; 2 loveseats; wicker daybed; 2 Jadeite flr. light. **Antqs. & Collectibles (2:45):** Ertl J.D. "A" pedal trctr; Tonka State Hi-way Dept. dump trk; Buddy L Vista Dome Horse Van; toy farm trctrs; flr vase jardiniere; Gerald Yoder & Breininger pottery pcs; S.A. Geist & Freeman milk bottles; Louis Berger Allentown seltzer bottle; Danner's Dairy ice cream stanner & fly swatter; local adv. pcs; Conestoga wagon jack; wdn grease pail; splitwood baskets; Mascot egg scale; Griswold #3 & #8 Cl fry pans; Griswold sq. egg skillet; wrought iron trivet; 10-hole 30" long candle mold; 11" wide x 16" high x 14" deep Cl combination safe; 8-gal. Keystone crock; 3-gal. Crown & other crocks; Stoneware chicken waterers; Cl terrier dog doorstop; Cl elephants; Cl mantle horse; brass torch light; brass handbells; cowbell; Goodyear tire ashtray; adv. mechanical pencils; pocketknives; Chenille spread; 18 printed feedbags; Stump work pillowcases; Bearskin gloves; asst. local arrowheads; Phillie items; Mack bulldog; costume jewelry; stained hanging light; Autoharp; Stanley 101 trimming plane; vintage photos of Lehig Valley trolley; Orange Tree Carnival glass bowl; asst. glassware; lg. frog collection. **Tractor & Misc.:** Cub Cadet GT 2186 lawn trct w/44" deck, 756 hrs; upright port. air compressor; Stihl BG 72 leaf blower; rolling tool chst; asst. hand tools; slate rippers & more.

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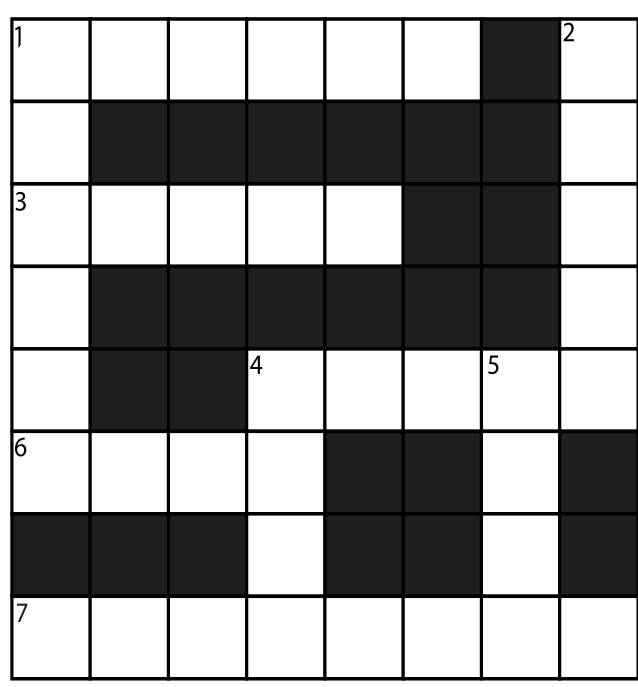
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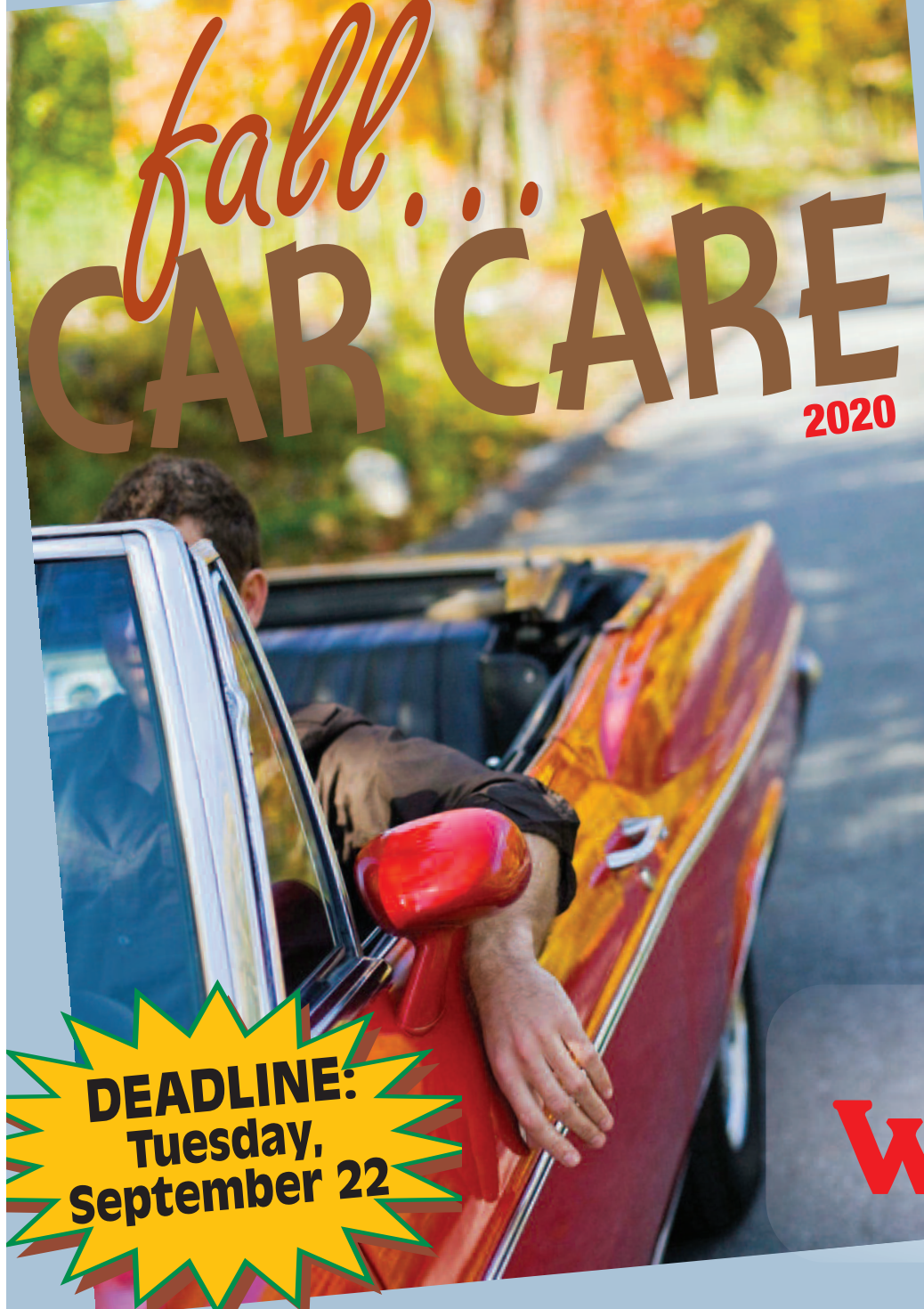
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Remote work has been around for many years, though it certainly picked up steam in 2020. In an effort to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19, in March 2020 government officials implemented stay-at-home measures that mandated many working professionals to begin working from home. That transition occurred seemingly overnight, forcing men and women to find somewhere in their homes to work. As the dust settled and working professionals grew accustomed to working from home, many recognized the need to have an office in their homes. Various factors can make home offices more conducive to getting work done, and the following are some home office must-haves that can help people be more productive while working from home.

LIGHTING is important in a home office. It's easy to overlook natural light, especially for workers who previously worked in offices that did not have windows. But natural light can help save on energy costs and boost mood. In fact, natural light is a valued commodity for people used to working in office settings. A 2018 survey of more than 1,600 workers conducted by the human resources advisory firm Future Workplace found that access to natural light and views of the outdoors were the most sought after attribute of a workplace environment. In addition, 47 percent of workers surveyed admitted they felt tired or very tired from the absence of natural light or a window at their office. When designing their home offices, homeowners should keep this in mind and choose areas of their homes that get ample natural light during a typical workday. Additional lighting also will be necessary. Recessed lighting can give an office a sleek look, and lights that can dim can allow workers to adjust their lighting based on how much they need at any given point in the workday.

QUIET - Professionals forced to work at home when social distancing measures were implemented may not have had much quiet, especially for those with young children whose schools were closed. But when designing a home office, homeowners have the chance to make their offices more conducive to concentration. Soundproofing walls may not be necessary, but look for areas of the home that don't get much foot traffic. Kitchens are very popular rooms in many homes, so try to locate your home office away from the kitchen. A spare bedroom upstairs may make for the most ideal home office setting if the home does not have a traditional den. Spare bedrooms come with doors, which can instantly create a sense of quiet when closed. A converted garage also can make for a useful home office, but make sure the room already has cooling and heating and, ideally, windows.

ELECTRICAL OUTLETS- Recently built homes tend to be equipped with enough outlets to accommodate our increasingly connected lifestyles. But older homes may need some electrical updates before they can capably accommodate late office hours. When updating your electrical, replace existing outlets and fixtures with energy-efficient fixtures, which save money and benefit the environment. Before updating the electrical, decide on how you want the office to be laid out so you can have outlets installed where your computer, devices and other items, like a printer and television, will be. This makes it easy to hide cords and give the office a clean, professional look.

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Add A Pop Of Color To Your Garden This Winter

Winter weather comes on the heels of a vibrant, colorful autumn season. Shortly after fall foliage falls to the ground, nature tends to greet us with a considerably less colorful palette. What's more, much of the wildlife and plants that make spring, summer and fall so awe-inspiring tend to hibernate in winter, making it more difficult to find bright spots on drab days.

If you think that winter means the end of beautiful garden colors, think again. There are plenty of cool-season flowers and other plants that can add a pop of color to brighten your day. These flowers provide color right when most people need it most.

In areas where winter is not marked by a deep freeze, homeowners can plant pansies, snapdragons, English daisies, calendula, and other blooms from early fall through late winter. These plants will survive the cold, keeping containers, borders and gardens full of color.

Camellias are a type of flower that bloom in fall and winter in hues of red, pink, coral, white, and more. The plants are evergreen and will grow from shrubs or small trees when fully established.

Homeowners who live in climates marked by cold winters can opt for plants that offer color but without flowers. According to HGTV, these include cabbages and kales, which can survive most cold winters and lend an interesting texture to a winter landscape bed.

Of course, no list of winter's colorful plants would be complete without holly, which offers an eye-catching display of evergreen leaves and bright red berries, though sometimes the berries are golden. Either way, they can be a sight for sore eyes on gray winter days.

For more ideas, visit a local garden center to learn about plants that can add vibrant color to a landscape, even as autumn transitions to winter.

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Get Ahead Of Chimney Repair This Season

Woodburning fireplaces or fuel stoves can add warmth and ambiance to a home. These appliances are particularly coveted in the cooler months when people spend more time indoors. Maintenance is necessary in order for fireplaces and stoves to function safely, and that upkeep must include paying close attention to the functionality of the chimney and to prevent a fire in your home! Chimneys are designed to last for decades but cracks and spalling in brick chimneys are common concerns that can cause significant damage if left unchecked.

Chimney maintenance involves more than cleaning the flue. Rather than running the risk of costly repairs, which can cost several thousand dollars, homeowners can take some simple steps to keep their chimneys in tip-top shape. Certain components of chimney maintenance are do-it-yourself tasks, while others may be better left to the professionals.

- Start from the inside and ensure that dampers are working properly. When using fireplaces and other appliances, dampers need to be open to allow smoke to vent outside; otherwise, smoke will be trapped in the home and could lead to carbon monoxide buildup. Dampers need to be fixed or replaced if they are not operational. Replacement fireplace dampers should be snug and not have any gaps.
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- Think about waterproofing the chimney to prevent damage. A water sealant applied to the outside of the chimney can prevent moisture from breaking down the masonry.
- Inspect and replace the chimney cap if it is worn out. A chimney cap

is a contraption that sits atop the chimney to allow the smoke to vent while also preventing critters and water from going inside the flue, helping to extend the flue life. The chimney cap attaches to the flue liner, so outside dimensions should be taken to ensure the cap is the right size for the chimney.

- Have the chimney professionally swept. Sweeping helps remove the soot and debris that clings to the inside of the flue, known as cre-

osote. The amount of time the fireplace is used will determine how often the chimney must be cleaned. Generally speaking, the chimney liner needs to be cleaned if it has 1/8-inch or more of soot.

Regular inspection and maintenance can help keep a chimney working safely for decades. For those who do not like working at such an elevation and are not experienced, leave exterior chimney repair to a certified professional.

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Signs Your Gutters Are In Need Of Repair

Fall is a great time to tackle projects around the house. The weather each fall allows homeowners to make improvements to their homes' exteriors without worrying about extreme heat or cold, while interior projects like painting are made easier because homeowners can open the windows to allow for proper ventilation.

Fall also marks a great time to prepare for upcoming projects that can make winter work that much easier. For example, fall is a great time to take stock of your gutters so you can address any issues before leaves begin to fall or the first snowstorm touches down. Compromised gutters can contribute to water issues in basements and adversely affect a home's foundation if not addressed immediately, so it behooves homeowners to learn the signs that gutters are in need of repair or replacement.

- Gutters hanging off the home: Gutters were once installed predominantly with spikes. However, many industry professionals now install gutters with hanger brackets. Why the change? Spikes loosen over time, leading to the gutters hanging off the home. That can contribute to serious issues if left untreated. Gutters hanging off the home need not necessarily be replaced, but rather secured to the home, ideally with hanger brackets instead of spikes. Brackets hook into the front of the gutter and are then screwed into the fascia of a home. A professional who specializes in gutter repair can perform this task relatively quickly, and it's an inexpensive yet highly effective solution.

• Gutter separation: Gutters that are no longer fastened together can leak and contribute to issues that affect the home's foundation, siding and appearance. Clogs and the accumulation of debris can cause gutters to separate because they are not designed to hold too much weight. Replacement of separated gutters may or may not be necessary depending on how big the problem is and the condition of the existing gutters. If replacement is not necessary, separated gutters may be remedied by securing the joints, another

er relatively simple and inexpensive fix.

- Peeling exterior paint: Paint that appears to be peeling off of your home may indicate that water is seeping over the edge of the gutter closest to your home. When that happens, water is coming down the side of the house, causing the paint to peel. In such instances, replacing the gutters is often necessary.

• Basement flooding: Not all signs of deteriorating gutters are outside a home. Many a homeowner has been flummoxed by flooding in their basements, and such flooding can be caused by aging, ineffective gutters. That's because deteriorating gutters sometimes allow water to leak near the foundation of a home, contributing to basement flooding.

Fall is an ideal time to inspect gutters and have any issues fixed before leaves begin to fall or harsh winter weather arrives.



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Why Homeowners Should Add More Exterior Light To Their Properties

Homeowners are increasingly realizing the benefits of improving the exteriors of their home, which can be just as valuable as improving the interior spaces. As individuals design picturesque garden beds and cultivate lavish lawns or revamp exteriors with architectural features, they probably want to spotlight these improvements. This is where exterior lighting can be put to great use.

Exterior illumination can cast a glow on various features, but there are many other reasons to increase lighting around the exterior of a home.

- Safety: Trips and falls can occur at night when trying to traverse walkways and landscapes in the dark, as it can be difficult to see rocks, stairs and uneven pavement. Outdoor lighting can illuminate pathways, entryways and other areas for safer access for homeowners and their guests.

• Extend outdoor entertaining: Ample lighting can increase the amount of time one can use outdoor spaces and make them the perfect gathering spot. As autumn arrives, days become shorter. However, patios, porches and more can get extended use with lighting.

- Safeguard security: A well-lit home may be less likely to be targeted by burglars than one swathed in darkness and shadows. Lights can remain on all evening or be motion-triggered. Setting lights on timers also ensures that the home is illuminated whether residents are home or not.
- Create drama: Landscape lighting designers can establish focal

points around the landscape and highlight the best features of a property. Uplighting in trees, silhouetting techniques to showcase plants and spotlights to show off architectural features are all options for homeowners to consider.

• Add value: The experts at Parker Homescape, a landscape design service, say that exterior lighting can add roughly 30 percent to the value of a home. They also indicate that 50 percent of all home buyers say that outdoor lighting is important when buying a home. If current residents are thinking about selling, now may be the time to invest in exterior lighting. Improving a home's exterior may be as simple as adding more lighting to improve functionality and beauty.

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What To Do To Prepare Your Garden For Winter

Gardens provide an idyllic escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. In fact, many gardening enthusiasts typically cannot wait for the spring thaw so they can spend the next several months tending to their plants under the warm sun. But a gardener's work is never truly done, and the work to make gardens stun in the spring actually begins during the preceding fall. Preparing gardens for winter is an important step that can help homeowners ensure their gardens return to full strength in the spring. The tasks necessary to prepare gardens for winter may depend on what homeowners are planting, but the following are some general maintenance suggestions that can keep gardens safe this winter.

- REMOVE WEEDS AND DEBRIS. Weeds and debris are unsightly and detrimental to plant life in spring, but they also can be harmful in the winter. Weeds and debris left to linger in gardens through the winter provide overwintering spots for insects and can contribute to disease. So it's imperative that weeds and debris are removed before the ground hardens in winter. Don't wait until the ground hardens, as that can make it hard to remove the roots of weeds, adversely affecting the garden as a result.
- PREPARE THE SOIL. The Farmer's Almanac advises homeowners to gently till the soil in their gardens so they can expose any insects before they settle in for the winter. Once garden soil is exposed, add a layer of compost, leaves, aged manure, and, if necessary, lime, gently tilling it into the soil. According to the North Carolina Cooperative Extension, the only accurate way to determine if lawn or garden soil needs lime is to test it. Lime makes soil less acidic and reduces soil pH. Low soil pH makes it hard for certain plants to grow, but acidic soil is ideal when growing blueberries.

The Value Of Mulched Leaves

Homeowners who don't look forward to dusting off their rakes each fall might be happy to learn that mulching fallen leaves with a mower may be a healthier and less labor intensive way to confront a yard covered in leaves. For 20 years, turfgrass specialists at Michigan State University studied how lawns reacted to having ground up leaves left on the lawn and the results were overwhelmingly positive. Researchers found that tiny pieces of mulched leaves eventually sifted down through the turf and provided the lawn with essential nutrients. Mulched leaves also served to control future weed growth by covering up bare spots between turf plants. Such spots typically provided openings for weed seeds to germinate and ultimately infect lawns. In fact, researchers found that mulching leaves for just three years could produce a nearly 100 percent decrease in dandelion and crabgrass growth. Homeowners with mulching mowers that also have bags can even help their gardens by alternating using the mower with and without the bag on once leaves begin to fall. When mowing with the bag on, mulched leaves can then be used as mulch in landscape beds and vegetable gardens.

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Test the soil for lime and amend it depending on what you hope to grow in the spring so it's ready to thrive when winter ends.

- REMOVE DEAD OR DISEASED PLANTS. Dead or diseased plants should not be left in the garden through the winter. These plants can attract insects and are vulnerable to disease, which can make it hard for the garden to thrive in the spring.
- PROTECT FRUIT TREES. If you have fruit trees, install mouse guards around the base to prevent mice and voles from killing the trees over the winter. If left to their own devices over the winter, mice and voles may eat the bark of fruit trees, killing the trees as a result. The Farmer's Almanac notes that mouse guards made of fine mesh hardware cloth can effectively protect fruit trees from hungry mice and voles over the winter. A gardener's work is never done, and the work to create beautiful spring gardens begins in the fall.

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