



Spring is in the Air

Dear Canal East Home Owner

Spring is finally upon us and what better time to give your house and garden a mini makeover.

We're very proud when we look around the Canal East neighbourhood and see that most of you maintain your homes and gardens in such a lovely way.

We've found some great tips on what to think about doing in your home and garden this spring season to make it a little brighter as we head into the sunny season.

We've also noticed a few things that home owners didn't know about when we do house inspections for sales. Keep these in mind so you don't get stuck when you need a speedy sale handover.

The CEHOA team

12

ways to get your home Spring ready!



Perk up your footpaths



Turn your attention to the footpaths that bring you in and out of your home and complete any maintenance necessary after the winter weather. Then, if you're inspired, install some pretty edging, plants or step stones! Either addition will boost your home's curb appeal

Those pesky weeds



Choose a dry day to tackle weeds in paths and driveways. Specific weedkiller for paths is the simplest way to get rid of perennial weeds, and it works on gravel and paving equally well. It can take a week or two to kill the weeds but once it does they just disappear!

Refresh the outside areas



Now that the sun is out it casts a light over the outside of your home. Is your garage doors, walls and outside of your home looking a bit drab? Perhaps it just needs a high pressure hose clean or it might be time to paint the outside of your home or walls. Remember to visit our website for paint colour palettes and minor works application forms.

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Unfortunately yes - windows!



One of the best times to clean your windows is during spring, more so if you had neglected them over the winter period. Over time, your windows build up layers of dirt, grime, dust, and pollution caused by a few months of rainfall and weather changes. Once its done...BAM! Your house looks lighter, brighter and happier.

Mulch!



A quick way to spruce up the garden, cut weeds and save water at the same time is with a load of organic mulch. Remove weeds and encroaching grass from under trees and throughout garden beds and then spread mulch over exposed soil to a depth of about 5cm thick.

Spread some seedling colour



Spring is here and having a bright and colourful garden makes everybody happy. Cheap and cheerful spring seedlings can add colour to your garden quickly and inexpensively. Here are 5 seedlings for you to consider: Marigold Sunset Giants, African daisies, Sweet Alyssum, Nemesia, Weigela.

Set up your lawn for summer



Spring is a crucial time for lawn care; the work you do now will determine whether you have lush green grass in the summer or not. It is a great time to sow lawn seed, top dress lightly and fertilise with an organic lawn fertiliser that is high in nitrogen. We are still expecting a bit more rain which will assist with these processes.

Its time to prune the trees



Now is a great time to prune your trees. Perhaps they are overhanging the neighbour's property, overhanging your swimming pool or simply that you want to improve the tree's overall shape. Make sure you research how to properly prune your trees as you dont want to end up with just a stump in the ground.

Freshen your gravel



Many of us have opted to use the low maintenance gravel cover in our gardens. Over time, the weather and other elements tire these areas and pesky weed seeds get into it making it not look as nice as it did when you first laid it. Now is a great time to weed it, clean it up and perhaps add a small layer of new gravel to bulk it up.

Clean out the gutters



Grab a ladder, and check the gutters around your home for winter debris. Remove as much of any big items like weeds with your hands and then remove any leftover gunk with a garden hose. Make sure your downspouts are clear and your drains do not have any blockages.

Save water, go indigenous



Indigenous, water-wise planting can be beneficial in creating a garden that isn't too thirsty. Water-wise planting does not only mean using succulents or aloes as there are many species (like groundcovers) that may not be considered 'succulent', but are nonetheless beneficial in conserving water in your garden.

Get pool, patio & braai ready



As the sunny weather comes in, you will want to spend more time in your backyard; swimming, braaiing and spending time with family and friends. Remember to wash down the patio furniture, manage the pool, stock up with braai wood and once you're finished with your spring maintenance list - sit back, relax & enjoy!

CEHOA rules to please keep in mind

What we find when doing an inspection:

- Updated signed plans need to be available.
- Electric fences and camera installations need to have a minor works application done and proof of the signed off application needs to also be there for the inspection.
- All outer aircon units need to be below wall height.
- Stack doors need to have approved plans.
- Pools need to have plans.

Please also note:

- Broken cars are no allowed to stand on residents driveways.
- Caravans, trailers and boats are not allowed to be stored on the driveway.
- Trees may not be removed from verges. An application may be submitted to remove current tree/s and then must be replaced with another tree as approved by Trustees.

Get in touch

If you would like to contact us with any suggestions / comments about our neighbourhood or our newsletter, please email us on: liaison@cehoa.co.za

