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Simple Solutions to a Great Looking Garden

Garden experts Mark Cullen and Denis Flanagan offer tips and tricks for spring gardening

TORONTO, Ont. — Spring is just around the corner, and that means it's almost time to begin preparing your garden and yard for the growing season.

Here are some tips that will help make your spring garden maintenance experience quick and easy from two well-known Canadian garden experts, Denis Flanagan and Mark Cullen — both featured speakers at Canada Blooms!

“There’s nothing better than a healthy garden to complete your outdoor space for the spring and summer,” says Gardening Expert and Canada Blooms Celebrity Speaker Mark Cullen. “But it takes some effort and planning to get your garden into tip-top shape before you begin planting and enjoying it.”

Cullen and Flanagan have plenty of tips when it comes to dealing with some of those tiresome gardening tasks.

- **Leaf clear up:** Rake leave off your lawn and remove winter debris. Raking can be fun and it is a simple task that you can share with the kids, perhaps to earn some of their allowance.
- **Weeding:** Your first defense against weeds is to pull or hoe them out of your garden early in the spring, before they establish their roots. But in order to prevent them from taking over lay down a five-centimetre layer of natural bark mulch. This will reduce weeding by up to 90% in the first year.
- **Mulching:** The Miracle of Mulch will also reduce watering by up to 70%.
- **Watering:** Watering your garden is important, but water conservation is being stressed now more than ever. When it comes to keeping your garden moist this spring, rain barrels are a great option. Rain barrels collect and store rainwater from your roof, which can later be used to water your plans or lawn. Mark and Denis note that rain water is superior quality to tap water where your plants are concerned. It is oxygen-charged and always warm.
- **Edging:** Keeping your lawn from growing into your garden is crucial to the health of your plants. Installing garden borders or using an edging machine can make the job a lot easier and save you time.

Co-located with the National Home Show, Canada Blooms takes place March 13th to 22nd, 2015, at the Direct Energy Centre at Exhibition Place in Toronto. For more information or for tickets, please visit canadablooms.com. Follow Canada Blooms on Twitter [@CanadaBlooms](https://twitter.com/CanadaBlooms) and Like it on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/CanadaBlooms).



About Canada Blooms

Canada Blooms is an annual world-class festival that connects people to the joys and benefits of nature through experiences with gardens and flowers by promoting, educating, inspiring and celebrating all aspects of horticulture. A not-for-profit organization that gives back to the community throughout the year by funding community garden projects around Ontario, Canada Blooms is also dedicated to providing the community with horticulture expertise, education and resources on an ongoing basis.

Now in its 19th year, Canada Blooms was founded by Landscape Ontario and The Garden Club of Toronto. Each year it is supported by a committed group of partners, sponsors and volunteers. Canada Blooms has been named One of Ontario's Top 100 Events by Festivals and Events Ontario and One of North America's Top 100 Events by the American Bus Association.

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