

Go green in your lawn and garden this spring

Spring is a season of rejuvenation. As the cold days of winter drift away, spring blooms begin to sprout and grass regains its lush green look.

Green is certainly a color that's synonymous with spring. Gardening enthusiasts can find a way to make spring even more green by embracing several eco-friendly gardening practices as they bring their lawns and gardens back to life in the months to come.

- **Create a compost pile.**

Composting is an eco-friendly way to

enrich lawns and gardens. Composting helps to conserve water because compost promotes moisture retention in soil, reducing homeowners' need to water their lawns and gardens while also helping them to save money on their water bills. Composting also helps homeowners avoid the need to use potentially harmful chemical fertilizers because compost is a natural, slow release fertilizer. In addition, according to Canada's Green Action Centre, compostable materials make up 40 percent of residential waste.

So composting can dramatically reduce the amount of waste homeowners ultimately send to landfills.

- **Replace gas-powered mowers with reel lawn mowers.**

Reel mowers may seem like relics from

simpler times, but today's reel mowers, while just as eco-friendly as their predecessors, are unlike those of yesteryear. According to the Planet Natural Research Center, an online resource for organic gardeners, gas

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