

CityGreen



HELPING YOU MAKE GREENER CHOICES

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For updates on how City of London services have been impacted by COVID-19 (Coronavirus), visit:

london.ca/covid-19

If you and your family are spending more time at home this month, consider these tips for your home and garden.



Your Home ►

Protect your home and reduce your energy consumption.



Update your Thermostat

Adjust your thermostat to match the warmer weather. Just because rates are currently lower and you're home more often, it doesn't mean waste it. Save energy, save money.



Toilets are not Garbage Cans

Remember not to flush disinfecting wipes, baby wipes, and facial wipes. Wipes don't fall apart in water the same way toilet paper does, and used wipes should be bagged and placed in the garbage.



Redirect the Rain

Ensure your roof downspouts are directed away from your home, that the ground elevation is sloping away from your foundation and maintain drainage swale features between houses.

[London.ca/citygreen](https://london.ca/citygreen)

Visit www.london.ca for more information on environmental projects and programs.

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Your Garden ▶

Gardening together as a family at home is a great way to enjoy some time together outside.



Pollinator Gardens

A great way to beautify your garden and help maintain your neighbourhood's vegetation. Consider planting pollinator-friendly, native species like Milkweed.



Vegetable Gardens

Growing your own vegetables is both fun and rewarding. Garden pots can grow a variety of plants for your kitchen including tomatoes and peppers.



Vertical Gardens

Short on space for gardening? Plant 'up' with a vertical garden ideal for balconies and rooftops. Herb gardens especially are well suited for these types of installations.



Spotting Birds

While outside, grab binoculars and check out the birds that inhabit your backyard. Spring is the season they become most active preparing nests and raising their young. See if you can identify 5 new bird species. To help you identify them, visit www.allaboutbirds.org



Rain Gardens

Rain gardens are native plants in a small depression designed to temporarily hold and soak in rain water runoff that flows from roofs, driveways, patios or lawns. Go to London.ca/raingarden for ideas on design and plant selection.

Community Partner Resources:

Pollinator Pathways Project
London Middlesex Master Gardeners
London Environmental Network

www.pollinatorpathwaysproject.com
www.londonmiddlesexmastergardeners.com
www.londonenvironment.net