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ASK THE INSPECTOR...

Question

I know it is winter but is there anything we can do now to prepare our yard to be ready and beautiful for spring?

Answer

Now is a great time in many areas to get a head start on getting your yard ready for the spring showers! Here are a few ideas.

- If you didn't cut back your perennials in the fall, now is a great time to do it before they start to grow. Cut the stalks and leaves back almost to the ground, but don't divide or replant them until they have started to grow again.
- If you have ornamental grasses, use manual clippers or scissors to cut out the dead foliage. Tall grasses can be cut down to about 6 inches and shorter grasses can be cut down to around 3 inches.
- Now is a good time to check deciduous trees and shrubs for needed pruning. Mark any branches that are out of line but unless they are dead don't prune them yet. Wait until warmer weather when they are growing again. Look for suckers at the base of the trees. Now is a good time to remove them also.
- Put some slow release fertilizer on your lawn to give your yard a good start when the weather starts to warm.
- Cleaning and maintaining your gardening tools is a great wintertime project also. Sharpen blades with a file or have them professionally sharpened. Use turpentine or Varsol to clean pruners, shear blades and add a little oil to the blades and hinges.

BARBEQUE IN FEBRUARY?

Maybe not ... but if you are planning to purchase a grill for spring or summer now is a good time to start thinking about what you want. You might even find a good, off-season deal! Here are a few tips for you to consider.

* **Heat Distribution.** More heat (high BTU's) is not necessarily better. Many grills offer plenty of heat and ease of start up but may not provide good heat distribution. When considering a grill ask about overall heat distribution in addition to how many BTU's it will put out.

* **What will you cook?** Steaks, chicken breast, vegetables, such as corn on the cob, don't require much space, but if you plan on cooking larger items, such as a brisket, or for bigger groups of people, you will need a larger grilling space.

* **How well is the grill made?** Higher quality grills will be made with baked-on, porcelain enamel finish over high grade steel and grates that are either cast-iron, porcelain-coated cast-iron, stainless steel or aluminum and will be durable for long-lasting use.



If you have questions about home inspections or home maintenance, Ask the Inspector!

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