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Landscaping Magic: Boost Your Curb Appeal This May

Did You Know...

About a month after its dedication in 1886, the Statue of Liberty became a functioning lighthouse for 16 years. Its torch emitted a powerful light visible from 24 miles away, guiding ships safely through New York Harbor.



Whether you're preparing to sell your home or just want to give your landscaping a little boost to brighten up your curb appeal, these tips will help you get started:

- Start with a clean slate by removing debris and last season's remnants from your garden beds.
- Consider adding vibrant plants or flowers native to your area for a sustainable and beautiful addition.
- A fresh layer of mulch not only enhances aesthetics but also helps retain soil moisture and temperature.
- Edge your lawn to create a tidy, well-defined border between grass and other areas.
- Invest in outdoor lighting to highlight your landscape features and enhance evening curb appeal.
- Maintain your lawn by mowing regularly and addressing any patchy or discolored spots.
- Incorporate hardscape elements like a new pathway or decorative stones for texture and interest.
- Coordinate with local experts if considering larger projects like tree planting or structural changes.



Mother's Day Celebrations: Unique Ways to Honor Mom

- **Breakfast in Bed:** Start her day with a delicious homemade breakfast served in the comfort of her bed, complete with her favorite morning beverage.
- **Personalized Gifts:** Consider jewelry or a custom-made item that has sentimental value, such as a photo book or custom fragrance.
- **Memorial Planting:** Plant a tree or flowers together as a living tribute that grows year after year, symbolizing your enduring bond.
- **Experience Over Material:** Plan a day filled with activities she loves—perhaps a spa day, trip to a local museum, or a scenic hike.
- **Handwritten Letter:** A heartfelt note expressing your love, gratitude, and appreciation can often mean more than any store-bought gift.

Weird, but True!

In the 1830s, it was common for people to humorously misspell abbreviations. One of the most notable examples is the phrase "All correct," which was transformed into "orl korrekt" and eventually shortened to "OK."



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