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Gardening Benefits for Health & The Environment Unearthed

Spring is here and it's a joyous time for those with green thumbs who have been waiting for the gardening season to begin. As it happens, there is a lot in the garden that is beneficial for health and the environment.

Dig Into Better Health

Gardening positively impacts wellness in various ways.:

- It relieves stress. Gardening can lower cortisol levels that cause stress and increase blood pressure. It also increases serotonin, which helps people feel happy.
- Friendly bacteria in the soil can boost immunity. It may particularly help against asthma.
- It provides great exercise. It is lowimpact and can be comfortable work with the right padding or protective gear, but it takes energy, and the elements can make it more challenging.
- It involves hand-eye coordination and **sensory intake.** Both of these factors can positively affect cognition.
- It presents opportunities for a sense of community. Socializing among friends while gardening can be so much fun.
- It encourages outside activity. For some, gardening is the best reason to head outside and enjoy sunshine and the environment (albeit with proper sun protection).
- It is an ongoing activity that can extend

beyond the garden for learning. Why not make predictions for when plants may sprout up and see who comes closest? Or learn about what to grow when and where, and share those

techniques,

Impact the Planet

Gardening also benefits the environment, and no act is too small toward making our world a better place.

It can help with pollution. In largescale harvesting of fruits and vegetables,

pollution typically results. The transportation of those goods also causes pollution. It may seem a small step, but gardening at one's home or in the community influences the big picture.

- It can reduce the size of landfills. This is possible when people compost garden waste rather than sending everything to the landfill when it's gone bad.
- Plants in the garden take in CO2 and release oxygen, improving air quality.
- It helps local habitats of insects and animals which play important roles in our environment (like bees pollinating).
- Plants and mulch can hold soil in place and reduce erosion, and keep sediment out of waterways, drains, and roads.

These are just some of the benefits that gardening can bring! This Spring and Summer, give gardening a try and share the benefits with others.

Fun times with great friends







Haikus about the nature around us

"The sun is shining Feels like summer but its spring We are so happy"

- Peggy S.

"I love all creatures They make it a purr-fect day Now lets take a nap"

- Shane

April celebrates animals and haikus so we paired the two! The haiku is a Japanese verse. Line one has 5 syllables, line 2 has 7 syllables, and line three has 5 syllables.

"Blue sky with white clouds Birds are chirping everywhere Such a happy sound"

- Peggy S.

"Morning woodpecker He's loud as a jackhammer Natures alarm clock"

- Casey

"Blue birds and brown birds Black birds and white birds fly by

The pigeon cooing " - Anonymous

April Highlights

April is Poetry Month, Stress Awareness Month, Humor Month, and Gardening Month

1 April Fool's Day

2 Peanut Butter & Jelly Day

3 Lunch out: El Paraiso & Steve's Birthday!

4 Walk Around Things Day

5 Deep Dish Pizza Day

6 Caramel Popcorn Day

7 Handmade Day

8 Zoo Lover's Day

9 Antiques Day

10 Encourage Young Writers' Day

11 Outing: Trader Joe's

12 Grilled Cheese Day

13 Scrabble Day

14 Dolphin Day

15 Take a Guess Day

16 Eggs Benedict Day

17 Haiku Poetry Day

18 High Five Day

19 Good Friday & Doug Williams

20 Lookalike Day

21 Easter

22 Earth Day

23 Picnic Day

24 Pigs in Blanket Day

25 Outing; Tulip Town

26 Arbor Day

27 Babe Ruth Day

28 Read Poetry Day

29 Shrimp Scampi Day

30 Oatmeal Cookie Day

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- Blog.radiantseniorliving.com
- Radiantsrliving & Radiantvoices on Instagram
- RadiantSrLiving on Twitter
- Radiant Senior Living on YouTube Why are people exhausted on April 1st?

- Pinterest.com/radiantsrliving
- Because they just finished a 31-day March!

April Birthdays!



Have a **Very Happy** Birthday!

> Steve 4/3 Teresa 4/26 Stefanie 4/27

Please join us on **April 25th! We will** be going to Tulip Town in beautiful Mount Vernon! We will be leaving South Pointe at 9:30 AM. Please Sign up, seats will fill up fast!

Music Magic! Doug Williams

We see a lot of different performers here at South Pointe, but no one is as loved as Doug Williams! Doug's great voice, guitar playing skills and love of music doesn't just get his body moving, it gets the whole building moving and grooving!

Doug works the room and sings to everyone and brings smiles to everyone's faces!





Exercise Time!

Exercise is one of the most important thing besides eating healthy that we can do for our bodies. We have so much fun in the mornings hitting and kicking our giant balloon that it hardly feels like a great workout but it definitely is!! Keep up the hard work everyone!

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