

Gardenerd April Newsletter

Home Sweet Home

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Featured Product



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1. Moving Along

Well, we did it. We moved into our new house at the beginning of April. The workers continue to work around us (and all of our boxes) as they finish up the details that will allow us to call our house - home. This newsletter would have gone out earlier except for the fact that we still don't have internet and the computers are not yet set up at the house. Still, we are grateful that the bulk of the work is over and we are beginning to find a place for everything.

Spring is a time of new beginnings: a new house, a renewed garden, and a renewed excitement for living. For me, it's a chance to plan out a potting station in our back office, which we affectionately call "the shed". Finally I'll have a location to start seeds, plant seedlings and look out over the garden to daydream about next season's garden. Look for progress on this project on the [Gardenerd Blog](#).

2. April Showers & Earth Day

I'm writing this while listening to the blessed rain falling upon the skylight in my office. Blessed, because we have so desperately needed rain this winter in Southern California, and now that it is spring, we are seeing the backlash of a dry winter in the soil and landscape. While most people are complaining about a day of "bad weather", I'm doing the happy rain dance. I'm sure other Gardenerds are doing the same.

There's something so nourishing about that stuff that falls from the sky. You can water all day long, but nothing provides that particular blend of nutrients and energy like good old-fashioned rain. It came just in time for Earth Day, which is April 22nd this year. This weekend, all over the country, there are Earth Day celebrations to raise environmental awareness and celebrate this beautiful planet we call home. Below are a list of sites with helpful suggestions for how to spend your Earth Day, and how to make changes in your life to make the Earth a better place for the next generation.

<http://events.yahoo.com/earthday07/>

<http://www.allspecies.org/neigh/block.htm> - Earth Day info for kids

<http://www.organicearthday.org/>

<http://www.carbonfund.org/site/>

<http://www.stopglobalwarming.org/>

<http://www.climatecrisis.net/takeaction/whatyoucando/>

One way we plan to conserve water is by adding a rain barrel to our drain spouts to collect this fabulous rain water in the coming year. Some cities offer free rain barrels simply for attending a workshop on conservation. If your town isn't offering, you can purchase a number of interesting designs from Gardener's Supply. Here's one I'm thinking of trying:

[English Rain Barrel](#)

3. Gardenerd Tip of the Month: Garden Walks

Every year, the City of Venice Beach gears up for another eclectic event that continually blows my socks off – the Venice Garden Tour. This year I might check

out the Santa Monica's Green Garden Tour instead, because it will feature ecologically sound and sustainable home gardens this year. What better way to fill your artistic well, so to speak, than to venture out to other people's homes to see what they've been doing in their gardens. Most events are fundraisers to support a worthy cause, so you can overdose on garden ideas and benefit your community all at the same time. If you live in my neck of the woods, check out these two sites for gardening eye candy that will inspire your spring garden.

<http://www.virginiaavenueproject.org/whatsnew.html>

<http://www.venicegardentour.org/>

4. Gardenerd Product of the Month: Green T

I can't help it. I'm falling in love with this season's most popular color – lime green. It's so festive and summery, it makes me want to tie my hair up in a scarf and drink lemonade from an icy glass with pictures of flamingos on it (okay, that's an old memory from childhood). This month's Gardenerd featured product celebrates spring with a trendy, yet refreshing splash of lime green.

[Gardenerd Green T-shirt](#)

Stay tuned for more tips and tidbits from the Gardenerd! Happy spring gardening!
