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Beneficial Lacewings for the Garden

Many insects are beneficial insects and are friends for the garden. These predator insects eat pest insects that would otherwise destroy plants and the fruit and vegetables growing in the garden. Lacewings are but one of the beneficial insects.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/lacewings.htm>

Black Walnut Trees Produce A Natural Insecticide

The black walnut tree manufactures a substance that is a natural insecticide according to experts at the Texas State University in Austin.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/juglone.htm>

Buying a New Car?

Checklist for Buying a New Car:

You are likely to get a better deal on a car if you know beforehand exactly what you are looking for and what you are willing to spend. Therefore, before signing a sales contract with a car dealer, you may want to:

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/BuyingANewCar.htm>

Car Color Trivia

The color of car a driver chooses reflects their personality and perhaps their favorite color. But the choice of color in a vehicle can be much more important as well.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/carcolor.htm>

Christmas Tree Traditions

Modern day Christmas trees originated in the 19th century Britain by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. During the Victorian era trees were the focus of celebration and were decorated with toys, cakes, bonbons and other sweet treats.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/xmastree.htm>

Christmas Trivia

Everyone enjoys the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping and decorating. Children love to write letters to Santa and get a reply with an envelope stamped "North Pole". But even more fascinating is the origins of many of our beloved Christmas traditions.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/santamail.htm>

Clean Car for Good Gas Mileage

In addition to all the practical ways, such as not speeding, keeping proper tire pressure and combining several trips into one there are many more ways you can increase gas mileage by simply taking good care of your vehicle.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/cleancar.htm>

Control Flea Beetles Organically

Flea beetles are more of a nuisance than a threat to a healthy garden. But if found on seedlings they can kill the plants. On larger, well-established plants they do little harm. However, in corn and potatoes flea beetles can transmit serious diseases. Potato beetles may transmit early blight. Corn flea beetles can transmit a bacterium called Stewart's Wilt.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/fleabeetle.htm>

Control Snakes in the Garden

To have a snake or two in the garden is good. Non-poisonous snakes, such as the common garter snakes, are beneficial creatures because they eat pest insects, mosquito larvae, slugs, snails, crickets, rats, mice, voles and even other snakes which may be poisonous.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/snakecontrol.htm>

Earthworm Friends in the Garden

Earthworms are a gardener's best friend.

Research has shown that earthworm excrement, also called castings or vermicompost, improves the aeration, porosity, structure, drainage, and moisture-holding capacity of soil.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/earthworm.htm>

Foxtail Grass Dangerous to Dogs

If you have dogs, keep the foxtail out of your lawn!

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/foxtails.htm>

Garage Sale Promoting: For Quick, Easy Money!

Pick almost any city or town in the country, drive through any middle class neighborhood or residential area on the weekend, and you're sure to spot at least a half dozen garage sales.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/garagesalepromotion.htm>

Get Your Car Ready for Winter

Driving in winter conditions tests your car to the limit. If something isn't working properly under the best conditions it certainly isn't going to work when it's cold and stormy. Here are some tips to keep your car running well in the winter.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/wintercar.htm>

Health Benefits of Growing Tomatoes

Tomatoes aren't only nutritionally healthy for you, they also benefit your health to merely grow them.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/tomatohealth.htm>

How and Why To Use Row Covers

Row covers are a matter of choice for gardeners. Some love them. Others hate them. If larger and more earlier yields of veggies is a goal then row covers are an excellent choice.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/rowcover.htm>

How To Attract Hummingbirds

Planting a garden full of red flowers is the best way to attract these beautiful jeweled birds.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/humbird02.htm>

How to Control Ants Without Poison

Ants are pests in the house. In the home common ants aren't harmful but they are a nuisance.

There are many natural repellants which can be used to discourage ants from kitchen counters, pantries, and other areas where food lures them in.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/antcontrol.htm>

How to Control Deer in Your Garden

Deer are the most difficult of all pests to deter from a garden. They love many different plants. Flowers, vegetables, trees and shrubs are all on their menu.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/deercontrol.htm>

How to Control Mice Without Poison

In just six months one pair of mice can eat more than four pounds of food and deposit about 18,000 droppings. Food contaminated by mice is about 10 times greater than what is eaten. Also, food wasted by mouse nibbling is much more than what is eaten.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/micecontrol.htm>

How to Control Poison Ivy

Poison ivy is found throughout southern Canada and most of the United States except Alaska and Hawaii. It is readily found along road sides, fences, railroads, and streams. But it can also be found in your own back yard. It is planted there in bird droppings from the birds who eat the berries of the plant.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/poisonivy.htm>

How To Give Your Dog A Bath

Bathing your dog helps to keep it healthy as well as clean. Bathing helps reduce the amount of flea repellents you need to use as well as prevents hotspots, a potentially serious problem for your best friend.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/dogbath.htm>

How To Grow Luscious Tomatoes

The tomato is the most commonly grown vegetable in the States. Here are some tips on how to grow your own bountiful crop of tomatoes.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/tomatotips.htm>

How To Maintain Your Car Battery

One of the most important parts of your car is the battery. If it doesn't work, your car doesn't start. And, in the winter that is even more true than in the summer.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/battery.htm>

How To Make Money With Garage Sales

Drive through almost any neighborhood in any city or town on a weekend, and you're sure to see garage sales scattered throughout.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/garage.htm>

How to Make Your Own Rooting Hormone

When starting a new plant from a leaf or stem cutting, the cutting will be more likely to form roots and create a new plant if a rooting hormone is used.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/rootinghormone.htm>

How To Plant and Grow Bulbs

Flowers that grow from bulbs are one of the easiest plants to grow demanding very little attention. Here are some tips to get your bulbs planted and blooming next spring.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/bulbtips.htm>

How to Prevent and Treat Hotspots

Hot spots, also known as Summer Sores or Moist Eczema, can make a dog and its owner miserable. The wet, skin lesions appear and grow larger by the hour.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/doghotspots.htm>

How To Prevent Damping Off

Damping off is the single term used to describe underground, soil line, or crown rots of seedlings due to unknown causes. The term actually covers several soil borne diseases of plants and seed borne fungi. The fungi which cause root rot are species of Phyium, Phytophthora, Rhizoctonia and Fusarium.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/dampingoff.htm>

How to Save Money for Retirement

Saving money for retirement can be easy or difficult depending on your current salary. If you are like 75 percent of the American population, earning just enough money in your current job to meet your monthly bills, then it's time to do some serious thinking on how you are going to live when you retire.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/retire.htm>

Improve Gas Mileage Without Damaging Your Car

Many of the gas saving devices being advertised do not work and can actually damage your vehicle.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/gasmiles.htm>

Keep Your Dogs Teeth Healthy

Dogs get plaque and tartar on their teeth just like humans do. Cleaning your dogs teeth between professional cleanings is very simple.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/dogteeth.htm>

Magic Mulch Yields Bountiful Tomatoes

Growing tomatoes with red plastic mulch can increase harvests of high quality fruit by 10 to 15 percent. USDA tests show that plants growing with red mulch produce tomatoes weighing an average of 46 percent more than tomatoes mulched with black plastic or many other methods of mulching.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/redmulch.htm>

Old Fashioned Flea Control

Fleas have plagued dogs, cats, and their owners since time began so ways to kill or repel them has been a constant search. Today, with the shake of a can, the spray of a bottle, or a flea dip fleas are more easily controlled. But before these controls were available, pet owners were constantly on the lookout for a better way to free their pets of these disease carrying insects.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/fleacontrol.htm>

Plastic vs. Paper Bags

Paper or plastic? That is the question. But either one you choose has a negative impact on the environment.

Here are some facts about paper and plastic shopping bags:

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/canvasbags.htm>

Proper Tire Care for Safe Driving

Tires are one of the most important parts of your car for safe travel. Here are some tips on how to keep them in good condition so they last a long time.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/tirecare.htm>

Protect Your Car From Road Salt

Every winter drivers should take active steps to protect their car from road salt.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/roadsalt.htm>

Rid Your Garden of Slugs

Slugs are major pests of horticultural plants throughout the world. They are destructive pests of home gardens, landscapes, nurseries, greenhouses, and field crops.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/slughtips.htm>

Shopping Bags in Landfills

Most items which usually decompose in the environment under the natural elements of air and water are unable to decompose in landfills.

http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/Shopping_Bags_In_Landfills.htm

Teach Cats To Use Scratching Posts

Cats love and need to scratch. When they live in a house or apartment they will scratch whatever is available which usually turns out to be their owners best piece of furniture.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/stickypaws.htm>

The Many Faces of Santa

Santa Claus actually started out as a version of Poseidon, Greek god of the sea, known as Neptune by the Romans. Early Greek sailors feared him. He could bring terrible storms in the sea, or grant them safe journeys. Because he could save them from the angry waters, he became known as "giver of all good things". The Romans and Greeks held a festival on December 6 in his honor.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/santaclaus99.htm>

Tips for Growing Beautiful Roses

Growing roses isn't difficult. It just takes some tender loving care.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/rosetips.htm>

Tips for Growing Fruit Trees

Almost everyone can grow one variety or another of fruit trees in their backyard. Here are some tips on growing fruit trees:

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/fruittree.htm>

Tips for Growing Garlic

Fall is the time to plant garlic. Here are some tips to make next summer's garlic harvest a bountiful one.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/garlictips.htm>

Tips For Growing Lilacs

For beautiful spring flowers with fragrance nothing beats the old fashioned lilac. Here are some tips on how to grow lilacs like your grandmother did.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/lilacs.htm>

Tips on Growing Lettuce

Lettuce is an easy to grow spring and autumn vegetable. It's two worst enemies are hot temperatures and slugs.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/lettuce.htm>

Tips for Summer Car Care

Most people are more concerned about taking extra special care of their cars in the winter. But summer care is just as important.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/summercarcare.htm>

Use Ladders Safely

The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that each year more than 511,000 people are treated for cuts, bruises and fractured bones from improper use of ladders. More than 300 people a year die from ladder related injuries.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/ladder.htm>

Warm Up Your Car In Winter

Common questions in the winter. Should I warm up the car before driving? And for how long?

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/warmcar.htm>

Weed Dangerous to Hummingbirds

If you love hummingbirds, keep your garden, yard, and property clear of weeds. Especially burdock. The prickly seedheads of common burdock can trap and kill hummingbirds.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/humbird01.htm>

Winter Driving Tips

When winter weather strikes the best thing to do is to stay home or wherever you may be at the time. But if you absolutely must be driving, then here are some tips from the experts to keep you safe.

<http://www.apluswriting.net/rssnewsfeeds/homeandgarden/winterdriving.htm>
