



Opening The Door To Your Next Home

Summer 2014

Making a Splash with Water Features in the Garden

Want to add additional charm and tranquility to your garden? Incorporate a water feature. No matter what size or type of garden you have, there are a number of water features that will fit into any design or space, as well as any budget. A garden pond can add special qualities to nearly any landscape.



Vinyl or fibreglass pond liners are widely available at garden centers or through water garden suppliers. These come in a variety of sizes which offer flexible options to easily suit your particular needs. They can also be placed either above or below ground so if your space cannot accommodate a large water pond, such as with balconies, containers make excellent alternatives. Nearly any type of watertight container can be easily transformed into a miniature garden pond. If it's not watertight, PVC liners are available at most garden centers which will help to waterproof your container. Half-wooden barrels and galvanized washtubs are the most commonly used.

Place your pond in a location that receives at least 4-6 hours of full sun. Make certain that your site is levelled off as well. If your space permits, stick your mini pond in the ground to help minimize the chances of it freezing over. Dig out the soil, keeping it large enough for your pond liner or container to fit into. Level off the bottom and add an even layer of sand. Place the liner or container inside and fill in

around it with the excavated dirt. Add some water and approximately 3-5 plants, depending on the size of your pond. Moving water adds character to the garden, and both waterfalls and fountains make pleasant accents. Garden centers and professional pond retailers offer many types of easy, do-it-yourself kits that fit nearly any budget or garden design.

Waterfalls can flow over rocks or run down retaining walls. They can be formal or informal. There are numerous resources available for waterfall ideas; however, different landscapes will affect the overall design. Therefore, to achieve a successful waterfall design, be sure to choose an area and design that will fit into your specific landscape.

Fountains always make wonderful additions to any type of setting, and fountain kits can make this possible. Fountains come in an array of choices to suit your personal preferences; they can splash, gurgle, spray, drip, etc. You can place your fountain just about anywhere. For instance, the bottom of a small pond or even a large container such as an urn, planter, barrel, or strawberry jar can create stunning homes for your fountain. Place the fountain pump in the bottom of your pond or container and follow the instructions included with your kit. Enhance the fountain with stones, pebbles, and plants. There are endless ways to add water to your landscape; simply use a little creativity and see what happens.

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Terminology Tips

Moving expenses

The cost incurred by the tenant to move into the new space. The landlord may pay a portion or all, depending on what is negotiated in the lease.

Closing Costs

Closing costs are the expenses incurred in the purchase and sale of real property paid at the time of settlement or closing. Some examples of closing costs are title insurance, attorney fees, appraisal fees, recording fees and taxes.

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Market Statistics — Strong Growth in June Sales

The average selling price for June transactions was \$568,953, representing an increase of 7.4% compared to June 2013. The strongest price increase for the GTA as a whole was for semi-detached houses, with the average price up by 9.7% year-over-year. The pace of price growth for condominium apartments was also strong at 6.8%.

"With less than two months of inventory in many parts of the GTA, it makes sense that we continued to experience very strong price growth in June.

Summary of Existing Home Transactions in Durham Region

	New Listings	Active Listings	Avg. Sold Price	Avg. Days on Market
Durham Region	1,651	1,677	99%	20
Ajax	285	203	99%	17
Brock	36	98	97%	48
Clarington	279	303	99%	22
Georgetown	416	362	99%	17
Pickering	202	193	100%	18
Scugog	84	144	98%	32
Whitby	61	128	98%	43
Whitby	288	246	100%	15

To read the full market report visit www.ListandSellwithJackie.com

Recipe of the Month — Unbelievable Chicken!

"This unusual combination of common ingredients is fabulous! Everyone who tastes it asks me to share the recipe. You will love it and the many compliments you get - I promise!"

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 3 tablespoons prepared coarse-ground mustard
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
- 1 lime, juiced
- 1/2 lemon, juiced
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- ground black pepper to taste
- 6 tablespoons olive oil
- 6 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves skinless, boneless chicken breast halves



Directions

- In a large glass bowl, mix the cider vinegar, mustard, garlic, lime juice, lemon juice, brown sugar, salt, and pepper. Whisk in the olive oil. Place chicken in the mixture. Cover, and marinate 8 hours, or overnight.
- Preheat an outdoor grill for high heat.
- Lightly oil the grill grate. Place chicken on the prepared grill, and cook 6 to 8 minutes per side, until juices run clear. Discard marinade.

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