Home Scene

The Mango Tree and the Little Bird



In early spring, a family in a village noticed a small bird tugging at a loose mango leaf and dropping it over and over. “It’s making a mess,” the father grumbled, eyeing the growing pile the way a homeowner eyes leaves in the gutter. He shooed the bird away.

The next day, the bird returned with more urgency, pulling down dry leaves and thin twigs from the lower branches. The mother sighed. “So much yard work,” she said, and reached for a broom.

Their grandmother stopped her. “Watch before you sweep,” she whispered.

They watched. The bird wasn’t scattering trash; it was stripping away dead growth so fresh buds could open to the sun. It moved from branch to branch, clearing what would block new shoots—and, in a storm, what could snap and tear living wood.

A week later, a hot wind blew through. Other trees lost brittle branches. But the mango tree, lightened of dead weight, bent and held. Soon it flushed green and filled with blossoms. The family, appreciative, brought a shallow dish of water to the base of the trunk. The bird drank, then went back to its work—patiently preparing the tree for fruit.

That season, the mango harvest was the sweetest they remembered. The tree stood taller that year, not because it had grown more, but because it was no longer carrying the weight of its own history—a silent reminder that we are strongest and better able to adapt and grow in the face of life's challenges when we forgive and let go of old baggage.

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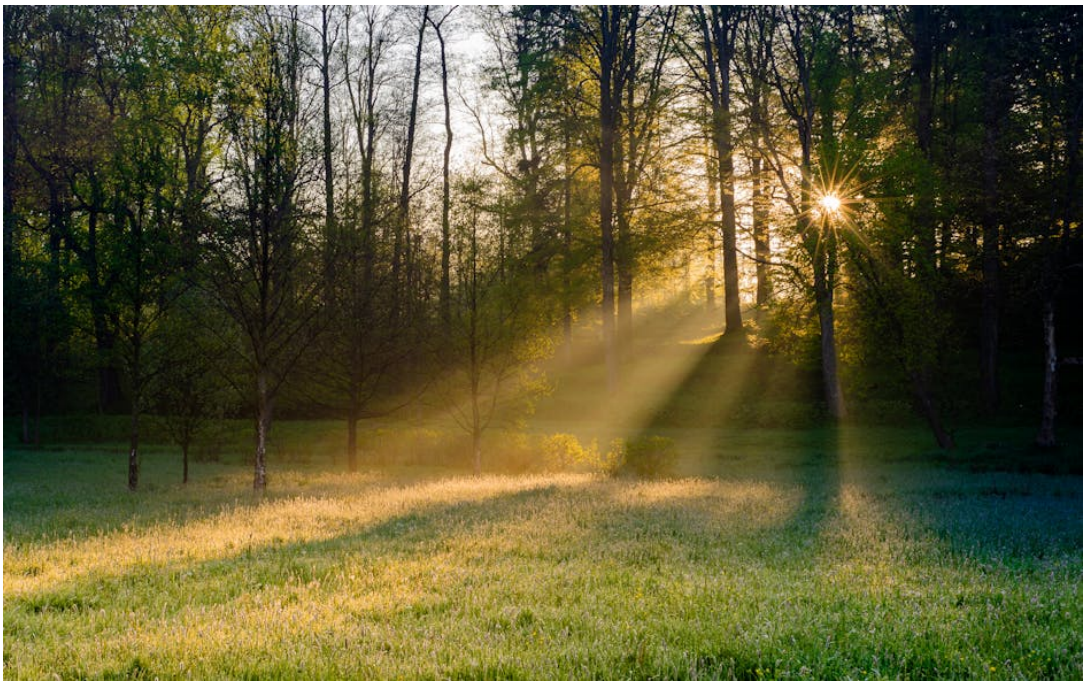
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Spring Reset: A Simple Mindset Refresh



Winter has a way of turning life inward—more reflection, fewer social plans, and a slower pace. Spring, on the other hand, invites movement and new beginnings. As the days get longer across the GTA, consider a "personal refresh" that's as intentional as your seasonal home maintenance—small actions now that pay off all year.

Here are four practical ways to reset your mindset without adding more to your calendar:

1) Do a 10-minute "life audit" once a week

Pick one area—health, relationships, finances, or home—and ask: What's working? What's draining me? What's one small change I can try this week? Keep it simple and written down.

2) Create one calm corner at home

Choose a chair by a window, a cleared section of the kitchen counter, or a spot on the porch. Keep it uncluttered and device-free. Spend five minutes doing something that helps you relax.

3) Set a spring boundary that protects your energy

Busy season ramps up fast: kids' activities, yard work, travel, and social commitments. Choose one boundary (e.g., no new weekday commitments, or one "quiet night" each week) and treat it like an appointment.

4) Tie one habit to something you already do

Habit stacking works when time is tight. Example: after you rise in the morning, take a 2-minute stretch; after locking the front door, take three deep breaths; after dinner, do a quick gratitude note.

Spring doesn't require a full overhaul. It rewards small, consistent shifts—especially for homeowners balancing family, work, and everything in between.

Spring Home Maintenance Checklist



Spring in the Greater Toronto Area brings freeze-thaw swings, heavy rain, and humid heat right around the corner. A few targeted maintenance tasks now can prevent water damage, reduce energy costs, and protect resale value—especially in older Toronto housing stock and newer builds with tight envelopes.

Use a weekend to tackle these high-impact items:

- **Clear and test your drainage system:** Clean eavestroughs and downspouts, then run water to confirm proper flow. Make sure downspouts discharge at least 6 feet from the foundation to reduce basement moisture and protect against spring storms.

- **Inspect roof and flashing after winter:** From the ground or with binoculars, look for lifted shingles, exposed nails, and damaged flashing around chimneys and vents. Small repairs now can prevent leaks during May/June downpours.

- **Check the foundation and grading:** Walk the perimeter and look for new cracks, heaving, or areas where soil has settled. Re-grade low spots so water slopes away from the home—especially important after GTA freeze-thaw cycles.

- **Service cooling and improve airflow:** Before the first heat wave, replace furnace/HRV filters, clear exterior intake/exhaust vents, and book an A/C tune-up if it hasn’t been serviced in 2–3 years. Efficient systems help comfort and curb operating costs buyers notice.

- **Refresh exterior wood and caulking:** Inspect window/door caulking and trim paint for gaps or peeling. Re-caulk and touch up paint to stop water intrusion and preserve curb appeal.

A few proactive hours each spring helps prevent expensive surprises and keeps your home looking beautiful year-round.

Springtime Giggles

1) Q: What season is it when you're on a trampoline?

A: Spring-time!

2) Q: Why did the flower ride the bike?

A: It wanted to petal to the metal!

3) Q: I have a colourful head but no brain, and I drink only rain.

A: A flower!

4) Q: Why do bees have sticky hair?

A: Because they use honeycombs!

5) Q: Why are frogs so happy in spring?

A: They're toad-ally glad it's warm again!



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