

Approaching season promises to be rich, rewarding

If this year's seed and plant offerings are any indication, the new garden season we are about to enter promises to be a rich and rewarding period for backyard gardeners everywhere! No matter at what stage of gardening you find yourself, there will be something to tempt and delight you.

Never before has there been such a diversity of seeds and plants available to the everyday home gardener. There are hundreds of new flower and vegetable varieties being introduced for the first time, many new roses developed by the



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world's renowned hybridizers, not to mention the always welcome addition of greater disease resistance and increased hardiness to propel us to greater garden production.

And so, with the sun at our back and an imagined threat of a spring breeze in the air, it's time to prepare for the 2012 garden season! The

old Gardener hibernated successfully and is pleased to greet you again among the pages of your favorite local newspaper. Together, we shall explore the immediate garden season with a renewed vow to grow good things for the dinner table and to add color and beauty to our own little corner of the world.

Alright, that takes care of the formal stuff, so lets get to work. There are about nine dozen things to do before we can even begin

to think about planting a garden. Thank goodness we have a couple of months to prepare for this year's outdoor adventure. Here are just a few projects we should either be thinking about, or doing something about.

Number one on my list is finding the seed for this year's plantings, hopefully after doing some serious planning about what I want to grow this year and what I want to eliminate from last year's effort. If the family showed an aversion to the peas I planted last year, then I must not plant peas this year. If you were

disappointed with the container grow geraniums out there on the patio last year, then try some Shock Wave petunias in that pot this year.

I've already made a few of those decisions. For example, I will plant only two hills of zucchini this year and absolutely no Brussels Sprouts. My Tidal Wave petunias were great last summer, but I also want some of those beautiful Bubblegums this year, so I'll have to buy another container. I'm also thinking about interspersing a few tall Lofty Lady yellow marigolds among some of the vegetables just for effect and

color in the vegetable garden.

And another thing. This weekend, go out there in the backyard and take a look at your garden plot, unless of course there's a foot of snow on the ground. Make a few notes about where the tomatoes were planted last year. Where were the beans located? Can you remember where you planted the cucumbers? And remember to plant everything in a different place this year. No exceptions accepted!

The future looks bright! Welcome to a sparkling new gardening season!

Beware fraud activity increases this time of the year

Kansans stay indoors more during the winter, and we rely on phone service to communicate with others when we can't get out. Unfortunately, the phone service that lets many of us stay in touch sometimes lets strangers engage us in fraudulent insurance activity.

The Kansas Insurance Department's Anti-Fraud division has received several examples of suspected winter scam activity on Kansans. Here are three reported to our staff:

- A woman in south central Kansas received a phone call from a Florida number asking if she still had a particular vehicle. The woman told the caller she had never owned a vehicle like that. The caller told the woman to provide her current vehicle information, as well as her Social Security number and proof of insurance.

- A man in the eastern part of the state received a call telling him his Medicare Supplement insurance premium was decreasing and he should call a certain number for more information.

- A similar situation occurred when a Kansas woman was told she could receive a free Medicare Supplement policy if she would only give her bank account information.



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In the first two instances, the Kansans who were called did not give out any information and reported the call to our department. Unfortunately, in the third case, the person gave bank information to the caller, but did report it to our agency; she was told to call her bank immediately and report it.

I would urge everyone to be vigilant and report such activities because, in the end, fraud costs all of us more in insurance premiums if it isn't stopped.

Insurance fraud nationwide is a multi-billion dollar annual industry, taking in all lines of insurance. False medical claims, Medicare/Medicaid scams and fake auto schemes are all among the most common types of fraud cases reported.

According to the National Council on Aging, other top scams to be aware of include counterfeit prescription drugs, funeral and cemetery scams, fraudulent anti-aging products, false product telemarketing, Internet fraud, investment schemes, reverse mortgage scams,

sweepstakes scams, and the Grandparent Scam, where someone posing as a grandson or granddaughter asks for money to be wired for an emergency.

Our department and others in state government, such as

the Senior Medicare Patrol program in the Kansas Department on Aging, take these types of fraudulent activity very seriously - if we know about them. We can't track down or attempt to halt these types of activities unless we are notified when they occur. And believe me, we have staff members in our department

who can't stand these scams and will make every effort to get them stopped.

To report suspected fraud activity, call our toll free (in Kansas) Consumer Assistance Hotline, (800) 432-2484. For additional information on anti-fraud activities and ways consumers can protect

themselves, go to the Anti-Fraud section of our website, www.ksinsuranc.org.

It can certainly be cold enough in the wintertime without being left out in the cold because of an insurance scam. Stay warm, and stay vigilant about suspect phone calls.

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Church of the Nazarene
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Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 p.m.

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 Wheatridge Center

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Sunday: Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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