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Spring Has Sprung!

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Even though it hasn't been covered with snow (thank goodness!), chances are your garden hasn't seen much attention this winter. Now that the weather is warming up, here are some things you can do to start getting your garden back in shape.

On the plant side: Instead of buying additional plants, how about placing summer-blooming bulbs in any blank spots in your garden beds? Lilies are a sure bet for adding color, scent and a touch of drama to any garden scheme, from English Cottage to Tropical. And often, like Dorothy in Oz, you don't have to look farther than your own backyard to find what you need: early spring is the perfect time to trim back and divide your perennials and ornamental grasses. Compare notes with your neighbors; you may be able to swap extras!

On the maintenance side: Check that your sprinkler system is working properly. Make sure the emitters and sprinkler heads are doing what they are supposed to do, and get it set up on a timer if you haven't already. Next, fertilize your plants with a slow-release granulated fertilizer; and mulch, mulch, mulch the whole garden. Finally, if you've had snails in the past, you'll have them again. Get a jump on them this year by putting out snail bait early, before they munch on all your hard work!