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### COUNTING THE DAYS!

We have all been practicing great patience and endurance for the past year – and now are more than ready to get on with gardening! Spending the last year firmly *planted* at home has given us all nothing but time – to observe, plan and be outside...even when it is freezing cold! But now is the time we have all been waiting for....a time to put into action all our observations, all our plans.....so get going!

A garden is more than just plants – it is a constant experiment – and here are a few things you can do now as we await warmer climates :

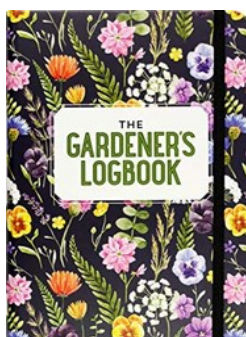
- ▶ Inspect your shrubs and trees for winter damage and remove dead or damaged branches
- ▶ Pull protective mulch off of perennials and clean up garden of any debris
- ▶ Prune spring blooming shrubs – except those that set flower buds on last year’s wood – big leaf hydrangea, forsythia and quince
- ▶ Plan for color in your garden
- ▶ Start a garden journal
- ▶ Plan spring plantings with the goal of supporting wildlife year-round.



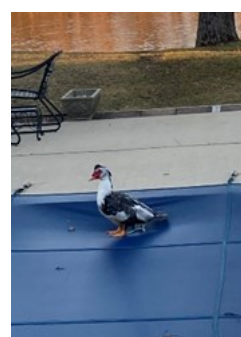
Trish's dry stream bed, before cleanup!



Trish's Quince today. Prune after bloom.



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A visitor to Louise's pool!

***We look forward...***  
***To the rebirth of nature's spring,***  
***To the renewal of our country, and***  
***To the reward of seeing family and friends once more...***