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Topiarius Unveils the Top Spring and Summer Garden Trends for 2017
Industry Experts Explore Juice Gardens, Bright Color Patterns and Adaptive Landscapes

CHICAGO – May 4, 2017 – With summer just around the corner and the busy gardening season kicking off soon, Topiarius, a leading urban gardening and landscape design firm, revealed its spring and summer garden trends blooming for 2017.

"One of the biggest trends for 2017 is consumers growing juice gardens, to save money and cut the cost of the grocery bill," said Craig Jenkins-Sutton, co-founder and president of Topiarius. "There is nothing like picking fresh fruits and greens from the garden and using them in the juicer. While juicing, and growing herbs, fruits and vegetables continues in popularity, we also see indoor gardening pick up traction."

According to the Trends Report, 37 percent of millennials are growing herbs indoors, aided by new technologies in grow lights and affordable indoor hydroponic gardening systems.

Other trends Jenkins-Sutton continues to see include the use of pastels to replicate the look of an English country garden or unique plant and flower combinations.

"We're also looking at creative ways to display containers, neat and tidy gardens, and the banning of pesticides and herbicides," said Jenkins-Sutton.

Other 2017 spring and summer flower trends include:

- **Bold Color Schemes** – Break up the green in the backyard with a pop of orange and the blanket flower or bright pink with veronica or peonies.
- **Plant What You Eat** – Go beyond planting the cucumber and green pepper. Try growing vegetables that grow well outdoor and indoor, such as arugula and bok. Not only is it fun to see how they grow, but you also know it will be organic and less expensive than store bought.
- **Make a Statement** – Rather than plant everything in a flower garden, take a few statement plants and use them in pots. Not only does it give you the ability to move the

statement pieces around, but it will also require less maintenance in the long run. You can plant all sorts of miniature versions of large plants now, like boxwoods, rose bushes and even hydrangeas.

- **The Color Tree** – What is cooler than a tree that changes with the season? Check out the color-changing conifer, these trees change colors with the seasons, from gray to green to gold to blue, it's like magic.
- **Fill in the Gap** – In that awkward period between spring and summer when your spring flowers have bloomed, and your summer flowers still haven't, try filling in the gaps with Purple Heart. The flower blooms into a purple center with spidery white flowers spreading out. The flower is also great for bees.
- **Pink, Pink and Pinker** – A huge color for summer 2017 is pink. Flowers like hollyhocks, peonies, phlox and petunias will all look great in the garden.
- **Plant a Tree** – Not only is planting a tree great for the environment, but it also provides shade for the hot summer months. Any oak, maple, birch or a weeping willow grows fast from saplings.
- **Easy Please** – Sometimes keeping things nice and straightforward is the best way to go. Why make life less complicated with flowers like coreopsis, dahlias, purple coneflowers and yarrow. All you need to do it water them and the plant will do the rest.

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