



Make the most of your garden with help from these magazines

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Now that we're done (hopefully) shoveling snow, we can start spading our garden. These magazines may help some ideas germinate.



Better Homes and Gardens

Better Homes and Gardens plays the name game, showing that branding experts for plant favorites like tomatoes and hydrangeas are just as numbingly pedestrian as the folks who name colors in nail salons. Try the Big Boy brand of tomato. Early Birds or Celebrity are your other choices. Want a hydrangea shrub? LA Dreamin' is recommended. In terms of what's to love, try the competition to win a Robomow, an electric lawn mower you can control from your phone while lounging. Elsewhere, there's a guide to renovating your narrow backyard, with basalt stones instead of concrete, a long gas-fire table and watering innovations. A word of caution, though: Walmart.com, a big advertiser, is the source for many of the products.