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Living Room



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Bedroom

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editor's note



**I'M WORRIED ABOUT MY FAVOURITE TREES.** We have two very large ash trees in our backyard that set a beautiful summer scene and provide a huge canopy of shade. These trees have got to be almost 100 years old. I love those trees, but maybe not

as much as the emerald ash borer does. I hadn't thought much about the hungry green bug until our landscape company told us they were eating away at our ash trees. The damage isn't yet fatal, we've been told, however the trees can only survive if we continue to treat them with an effective organic pesticide, and we will. The thought of chopping down those huge trees makes me very sad. Ash trees are very common and prolific in this region. A very informative story on page 40 tells you what to do to save your ash.

Another, albeit loveable, nuisance is ruining my garden beds. If you recall, we rescued our old dog Max from the pound about five years ago. Since then, he's stolen our hearts but his odd behaviour leaves us shaking our heads most days. He's part Husky and part Border Collie and he just loves to dig holes in my garden beds and on the lawn near the fence. He burrows in these holes to stay cool in the summer. He's welcome inside on hot days and we have a lovely in-ground pool in our yard. Max hates the water and prefers to be outside. If you have a pooch and like to keep your yard pristine, our garden expert has some great tips for you and your dog to follow on page 60.

The homes we showcase this issue are all designed for families who live full and busy lives. We visit a young couple with twins who designed and built an amazing family compound on Kempenfelt Bay. We also head to Midland to visit another young family in their stylish new home. Finally, we stop in Orillia to tour a renovated and redecorated home that's full of inspiring ideas.

The season we've all been waiting for is finally here. It's time to soak up some sun.

Sincerely,

*Georgette*

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