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TAKING CARE OF YOUR LAWN: We recently had to tackle the property cleanup of my late-in laws' home.

When Umberto and Grazia were alive, their garden was their kingdom, and my father-in-law was famous for the glorious produce he planted — huge, juicy heirloom tomatoes, string beans, potatoes, herbs, eggplant — the list was endless, as was the size of the harvest, which was always shared with family and friends. Well, like all good things, the garden came to an end and the property really went back to its natural look — akin to a rainforest!

We couldn't walk into the backyard without being attacked by overgrown weeds and plants and trees gone wild.

Having lived in a condo since 1991, yard maintenance was foreign to me, so I started looking for a company that could return the property to its past glory.

I Googled "lawn maintenance" — and one company kept popping up with solid, 10-out-of-10 endorsements: Magenta Lawn & Property Care.

I called for information and prices, and an appointment was set up for Magenta to visit the property and give me an estimate — which they did in a timely fashion, e-mailing me a detailed contract.

I studied it and realized there was an awful lot of work to be done, and the company would take care of all the details.

I went by my gut — and how pleasant and professional they sounded — and made an appointment for the team to come out and clean up the place.

And they did — a delightful group headed by Rodney (who owns the company with his lovely wife, Kathy) who tackled the mammoth job quickly and professionally.

The garage (part of the deal) was cleaned out and you could eat off the floor, it was so pristine.

By late afternoon, all that was left was for the bags of garbage to be carted away.

Magenta Lawn & Property is a young company, started in 2007 by Rodney and Kathy, both childhood sweethearts who had a dream to create a company that would fulfil a niche market — which they have.

Magenta doesn't just do lawn work but total property care, 12 months of the year.

It does one-offs (like my order) or regular care and, judging from the online approvals, customers keep coming back for more. "We started with just a handful of clients and referrals, but it has grown from there," Kathy said. "Customers kept telling us we treat their property like it's our own, with utmost respect."

I can attest to that — our property was treated like gold.

Of note, Magenta is a one-stop, all-year, whole-house service!

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