

### Hort Tips and News

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These 2 tips came from the October issue of *Garden Gate* magazine.

#### New uses for those 5-gallon containers

These buckets are rarely attractive, but a reader of *Garden Gate* covers hers with patterned, self-adhesive contact paper. The contact paper survives the elements well and comes in bright, fun patterns. Plus, it's a great way to use up any contact paper you have left over from lining your shelves. Don't forget to drill several holes in the bottom of the bucket before planting with flowers or edibles.

Some garden ornaments are delicate. To protect them during the harsh winter weather, you can remove your decorative stakes from the garden and store them until spring, using a 5-gallon bucket filled  $\frac{3}{4}$  full with sand. Now they can be stored upright without getting damaged.

Martin, Susan (2018, October) Reader Tips.  
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#### Another Iris to enjoy!



Lemon Frappucino, Sutton 2007



**The Garden Glide**

The Garden Glide is a handy way to move tools, bags of mulch or those large, awkwardly-shaped containers from point A to point B. It's not hard to pull that heavy object over the lip and pull across multiple surfaces, such as grass, gravel or concrete. It can be useful on those days when you are gardening alone. [www.gardenersedge.com](http://www.gardenersedge.com)



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