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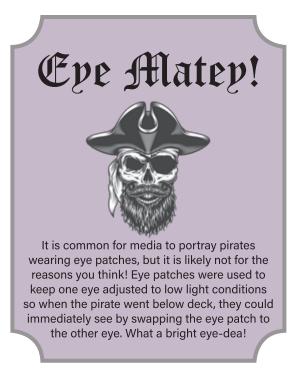
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## Five Benefits of Longer-Term Therapy

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych. | info@nancybergeron.ca



Longer-term therapy offers a more comprehensive, sustainable, and transformative approach to mental health compared to crisis management. While both approaches serve important roles; longer-term therapy provides deeper benefits beyond immediate relief, by addressing the root causes of psychological distress and fostering long-lasting personal growth.

- 1. Addresses Root Causes Crisis management focuses on immediate stabilization and symptom relief. Its primary goal is to help us regain control in acute moments of psychological distress or trauma. While this is vital in emergencies, crisis management often lacks the time or depth to explore the underlying causes of our mental health challenges. Longer-term therapy allows us to delve into the root causes of our issues that may stem from our childhood experiences, unresolved trauma, or ingrained behavioural patterns. By addressing these underlying factors we can work through our long-standing issues, leading to more profound and enduring changes in our mental health.
- 2. Develops Self-Awareness One key advantage of longer-term therapy is the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of ourselves over time. Therapy is a journey of self-exploration where we learn to recognize patterns in our thoughts, emotions, and behaviours. Conversely, crisis management doesn't usually allow the time needed for introspection. With regular sessions over time, we can identify our emotional triggers, unhealthy coping patterns, or self-defeating behaviours. This heightened self-awareness helps us not only resolve our current issues but helps to prevent future crises due to the healthier strategies we've adopted through longer-term practice and accountability.

- **3. Builds A Therapeutic Relationship** The relationship between the therapist and ourselves is a crucial element of our healing process. In longer-term therapy, the relationship has the chance to develop trust, safety, openness, and healthy boundaries attachment. Overtime, we may feel more comfortable in sharing deeply personal experiences, feelings, and vulnerabilities that might not have surfaced during a short-term crisis intervention. This formation of trust creates a space where we can process painful emotions and difficult truths, allowing us to work through our challenges more effectively. Unfortunately, crisis management often doesn't allow for the time necessary for such a deep therapeutic relationship to form.
- **4. Prevents Relapse** Crisis management is reactive. It helps us cope with a crisis after it has occurred. It may provide immediate relief, but it does little to prevent future episodes. Longer-term therapy takes a proactive approach to mental health. Through ongoing support, we can build coping strategies, resilience and emotional regulation skills that reduce the likelihood of future crises. By working through the issues that contributed to past crisis, we can learn to manage stressors more effectively, decreasing the chances of relapse or recurrence of acute mental health episodes.
- **5. Personal Growth and Transformation** Longer-term therapy is not only about symptom reduction; it's also about personal growth and transformation. In the process of therapy, we often discover new aspects of ourselves, develop a stronger sense of identity, and cultivate a greater capacity for emotional and relational intimacy. This leads to a more fulfilling and authentic life, which crisis management, with its focus on immediate stabilization, cannot provide. Longer-term therapy encourages growth beyond just managing symptoms, helping us to thrive, not just survive.

While crisis management is necessary for short-term stabilization during emergencies, longer-term therapy offers a far more in-depth and sustainable approach. It allows us to explore root causes of our distress, build self-awareness, foster a strong therapeutic relationship, prevent future crises, and experience deep personal transformation. These benefits make longer-term therapy a more effective and holistic option for achieving lasting mental health and well-being.





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August	24	5	3	\$420,000	\$419,500
July	24	2	3	\$299,800	\$300,000
June	24	2	4	\$274,450	\$256,000
May	24	8	4	\$729,950	\$742,500
April	24	2	2	\$744,350	\$746,900
March	24	3	3	\$1,325,000	\$1,200,000
February	24	2	1	\$1,400,000	\$1,355,000
January	24	0	0	\$0	\$0
December	23	1	0	\$0	\$0
November	23	2	4	\$564,450	\$561,000

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# CKE Community Garden – December Update

Adding compost to your garden soil is one of the best ways to improve soil structure and add nutrients, both of which benefit the growth of ornamental and edible plants. Compost can be purchased in small and large bags or delivered in bulk. Even better is to create your own, using kitchen scraps and materials from your garden.

Active composting requires warmer temperatures but that doesn't mean you can't compost in winter. If you are keen to compost indoors, look into vermicomposting. These worm bins can produce highly rich worm castings. Places like Green Calgary and Worms at Work sell the right worms to get you started. Worms at Work's website provides information on how to set up your bin, and how to use the worm castings.

Composting outside in the winter is not much different than in the summer. You can add any fresh scraps from your kitchen (being sure to avoid cooked food, dairy, bread, and meat products) directly onto your compost pile. If you are able to add a layer of leaves that can help with any odours, or just wait for the material to freeze. Once things start to warm up in the spring you can start turning the compost. It may be a bit wet, so adding last year's leaves or new grass clippings to the mix can help.

Check out the compost bins at the CKE Community Garden for inspiration. And consider joining us on January 17 for our popular annual Movie Night!

Happy gardening!



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## **Easy Turkey Chili**

by Jennifer Puri

Turkey is a large bird which is rich in protein and other nutrients such as iron, zinc, and selenium. It provides many of the same calories as chicken and most people are easily able to digest it.

Ground turkey is an inexpensive way to consume turkey and over the years has grown in popularity as a substitute for ground chicken. Rich in vitamins and minerals it can contribute to a healthy diet as it is low in fat. Dark meat is more flavourful but has more calories than white meat without the skin.

Turkey can be added to soups, salads, sandwiches, burgers, or Chili as shown in this Easy Turkey Chili recipe below.

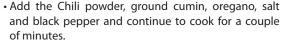
**Prep Time:** 15 minutes **Cook Time:** 1 hour

Servings: 6
Ingredients:

- 1 lb lean ground turkey
- 2 tbsps. olive or vegetable oil
- 3 garlic cloves finely chopped
- 1 medium yellow onion chopped
- 1 red bell pepper finely chopped
- 1 900 ml carton (low sodium) chicken broth
- 1 28 oz can diced tomatoes
- 1 small can corn niblets drained and rinsed
- 1 540 ml can black beans drained and rinsed
- 1 540 ml can red kidney beans drained and rinsed
- 1/2 tsp Chili powder
- 2 tsps. ground cumin
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ tsp ground black pepper

#### **Directions:**

 In a large pot add olive or vegetable oil, chopped onion, garlic, and red pepper. Sauté the vegetables for 3 to 4 minutes until onions are softened and then add the ground turkey. Sauté the turkey for 4 to 5 minutes until cooked through.



- Add the black beans, kidney beans, corn, and diced tomatoes and blend in with the turkey.
- Add the chicken stock and bring to a boil and then reduce heat and allow the Chili to simmer for approximately 45 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- Garnish the Turkey Chili with sour cream, shredded cheddar cheese and chopped coriander leaves or taco chips and sliced avocado if preferred.

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September	24	5	4	\$887,450	\$882,500
August	24	1	1	\$724,900	\$731,700
July	24	1	3	\$875,000	\$848,500
June	24	3	1	\$850,000	\$890,000
May	24	4	4	\$749,500	\$765,000
April	24	3	2	\$874,950	\$950,000
March	24	2	2	\$1,197,500	\$1,190,500
February	24	1	2	\$774,900	\$810,055
January	24	1	4	\$674,900	\$694,750
December	23	2	0	\$0	\$0
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September 24	0	0	\$0	\$0
August 24	1	1	\$4,750,000	\$4,650,000
July 24	0	1	\$2,899,950	\$2,725,000
June 24	1	0	\$0	\$0
May 24	0	0	\$0	\$0
April 24	0	0	\$0	\$0
March 24	0	0	\$0	\$0
February 24	0	0	\$0	\$0
January 24	0	1	\$1,698,000	\$1,665,000
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## Carolyn's Corner: Winter Wonders - Bringing Holiday Magic to Your Planters

by TJ Yurko

As the holiday season approaches, it's time to let your creativity shine with seasonal décor. Capture the magic of winter and invite festive cheer into your home with these beautifully crafted, whimsically inspired holiday planter ideas.

### **Containers**

Start with picking the perfect container. Terracotta pots, ceramic vases, wooden crates, woven baskets, and metal buckets work perfectly for indoor arrangements. For outdoor planters, choose containers made from durable, weather-resistant materials like waterproof plastic, metal, or wood.

### **Plants**

Next, think about plant selection. Seasonal flowers like poinsettias, cyclamen, and amaryllis kindle holiday glamour indoors. Evergreens like pine, spruce, cedar, fir, and juniper evoke a classic holiday feel in any setting, with holly, euonymus, magnolia, and eucalyptus adding unique features. For a cascading effect, use weeping or trailing plants near the container's edges.

Quality substrate is crucial for keeping plants fresh. Use hydrated floral foam or a reusable floral grid with well-drained potting mix to keep your plants thriving all season long.

#### Ornaments

Add character to your holiday planter with decorations like cones, twigs, branches, ornaments, ribbons, faux birds, and lights. Battery-operated lights provide a warm, comforting glow without the hassle of cords and plug-ins. Arrange these accessories, so they complement your plants rather than overshadow them.

### **Designs**

When designing your holiday planter, use the "thriller, filler, spiller" technique: Begin with a tall, focal plant or decoration ("thriller"), fill in with medium-height

materials ("filler"), then let elements drape over the edge ("spiller"). Experiment with different holiday colours like red, green, gold, blue, silver, and white. Place arrangements in high-traffic areas to showcase your creations.

Remember, the best holiday pots reflect the unique style and design of your home. So, embrace the spirit of the season, have fun with arrangements, and transform your planter into a masterpiece that personifies the true meaning of the holidays.

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- 3. This holiday typically revolves around one shape.
- 4. Eggnog, trees, and bells are classic elements of this holiday.
- 5. Costumes are a huge part of the fun of this holiday.
- 6. This holiday happens on the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox.









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