



May 2011

MAY GARDENING NEWSLETTER

I cannot believe that it is almost the middle of May!

With Easter being late and Mother's Day early, I am totally confused.

So if you are going to plant shrubs, flowers or vegetables you better get in your car and come see us. We have a large supply of all the above. Our flowering hanging baskets have been reduced 25%. We also have a sale on 1 gallon Snapdragons now \$2.00. If you need some oregon grass we have a bunch to sell. Bill got carried away with this grass so we are oversupplied. Our 6" pot is \$2.50.

May Gardening Tips

- ❖ Save money on your water bill. Mulch your beds about 2 to 3 inches deep. We like Earth Food. This is the same mulch the Zoo uses. It is a dark brown-black color with peanut hulls. This mulch smells for about 3 days. With this product you are getting a mulch as well as fertilizer. The slugs do not hang around with this mulch.
- ❖ Save money - Grow your own vegetables. We are certainly growing our own. Groceries are going up everyday.
- ❖ Prune back your spirea, forsythia, weigela and azaleas when they are finished blooming.
- ❖ Add lime to your soil if you want pink hydrangeas. If you want blue hydrangeas add aluminum sulphate. Stop by the store and we can give you a recipe.
- ❖ Spray roses for black spot.
- ❖ Watch for signs of bugs. Thrips, white fly and aphids are dreaded. **SPRAY THOSE BUGS.** Water mixed with lemon dish soap is the first line of defense. Let's talk if this does not kill them.
- ❖ Time to plant summer bulbs.
- ❖ When your daffodils die back, cut them back just a little, as they get energy from the foliage for next year's bloom. You can divide these plants every 2 to 3 years when they have finished blooming.
- ❖ Oh Yea – **DEADHEAD YOUR FLOWERS.** If you deadhead your flowers they will produce more blooms. I have hands that deadhead where ever I am. Ha
- ❖ Water your gardens. It takes about 1 inch of water every week. Newly planted flora take water until they are established, regardless of drought tolerance. When the roots get set, you can then cut back on water.

Come see us! We love our new location and want to share with you. We are behind Parklane Seafood restaurant.

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God Bless,

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From our Farm to your Home