

NEW LEAF News

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What's New for 2018 ???

Every year there are lots of new introductions in the plant world. And new annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs will be a New Leaf again this year. Here are a few of the **NEW** plants we'll have for you to choose from:

Pawpaw Fruit Trees – Pawpaw is the Official Ohio State Native Fruit and is the largest edible fruit native to North America. This small tree is easily recognized by its large, tropical-looking foliage, and prized for its delicious fruits that mature in late summer. It grows to 25-35' tall and 15' wide. It is distantly related to the Magnolias and Tulip Tree. Most people eat the fruit fresh, uncooked and never frozen. The taste is creamy and tropical and should be eaten when the inner fruit, not the skin, is a custard-like consistency, kind of like a soft banana. Pawpaw fruit, which grow similar in size and shape as a potato, should not be picked off the tree, but fruits should ripen and drop off the tree naturally. Ohio even holds a Pawpaw Festival every September at Lake Snowden Park near Athens. Check out their website at: www.ohiopawpawfest.com



'Purple Passion' Asparagus – Sweet and mild, with 20% more natural sugar, burgundy asparagus has sweeter stalks than green asparagus! These vitamin-rich spears are so tender, you can eat them right out of your garden. Stalks have a nutty flavor and turn green when cooked. Cold hardy and heat-tolerant. Easily grown in average, medium, well-drained soil in full sun. Prefers organically rich soils that are evenly moist. Usually planted from roots (crowns). Roots take 2-3 years to produce a crop. Plant roots in early spring and it's important to keep bed free of weeds.

'At Last' Rose – Finally, a fragrant, disease-resistant rose! It's the dawn of a new day for roses. 'At Last' combines all the romance of a fragrant, fully-petaled tea rose with the no-nonsense practicality of a disease-resistant landscape rose. No spraying is required to enjoy a non-stop display of large, sweetly perfumed sunset-orange blossoms from late spring through frost. Handsome, glossy foliage and a vigorous, rounded habit makes it ideal for use in the landscape or the flower garden.

Lilac 'Burgundy Queen' – Earlier, more profuse blooms than many others, Burgundy Queen is a sheer delight in the mid-spring garden. The burgundy-red flowers are set in huge clusters, perfect for cutting or garden enjoyment. Reaching 8-10' high and 6-8' wide, this well-branched, extremely vigorous Lilac sets masses of very large deep red flowers that open from purple buds. Burgundy Queen flowers in mid-spring, 10 to 14 days earlier than most other French hybrids.

Lilac 'Scent and Sensibility' – A dwarf lilac that is a sweet delight for spring gardens! This dwarf lilac is wider than it is tall, 24"-36" high and 48"-72" wide. It produces copious dark pink buds which open to soft, lilac-pink flowers that are very fragrant. Although it does have repeat flowers through the summer, it does not rebloom strongly enough to be part of the Bloomerang family. A delightful little plant for smaller landscapes, providing lots of color and fragrance in a compact package.

Weigela 'Trilogy' – This outstanding cultivar is an absolute dazzler that blooms in late spring with three colors at once - enjoy white, pink, and red flowers all on one plant! Not only are its bloom incredibly vivid, but they are large. Versatile, compact and deer-resistant, it's known for its easy maintenance and is not fussy about its soil. It can be used for a border, edging, container, or in mass. It is also an excellent screening plant - make privacy beautiful! Plant it in full sun to get the best show from its beautiful bloom. Height: 36-42 inches. Width: 36-42 inches.

Crepe Myrtle 'Tonto' – has bright fuchsia-pink flowers in 6" large clusters at the ends of the branches. These are produced on new shoots which begin to flower by early summer. Flowering will continue right up to the last frost, especially if the flower clusters are pruned off when they fade. In fall the leaves turn brilliant deep red and as the leaves fall the beautiful branches are revealed, with their mottled bark in all shades of brown and beige. With its winter interest, the Tonto Crepe Myrtle is interesting in your garden all year round. It is root-hardy to zone 5, mildew-resistant and will grow 4-5' feet tall and perhaps 3' wide each summer.



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Elusive sign of Spring - Baltimore Orioles

These eye-catching birds are decked out in bright orange hues and build unique, pouch-shaped nests that hang from branches. Most Orioles winter in the tropics and return north in the Spring, staying till August. You may be able to keep these colorful songbirds in your yard with these tips:



Native trees - They like woodland areas or fence rows and native trees such as elms, cottonwood and sycamore are good options.

Flowers - They love nectar, so they may visit the same tubular flowers that attract hummingbirds. Plus, insects and berries.

Sugar Water - Use 1-part sugar to 4-parts water. Use orange colored Oriole feeders, or hummingbird feeders with perches will work.

Oranges - Half of an orange on a stick or a tree make an irresistible snack for the orioles.

Other food - Small dish of grape jelly, plus live or dried mealworms attract orioles and others. *These bright orange songbirds are a great additions to your backyard!*



What's Bugging You?

By Laurie

SPRING or the lack of it

Is what is bugging me!!!!

We have talked in the past about Growing Degree Days, or GDD. This is the accumulation of the Average temperature above 50 degrees. [High + Low ÷ 2 = Avg. Temp] We were at 48 GDD at the beginning of March. April 1st we were still at 48 GDD! Last year at this time we were at 115. The average for April 1st is 92 GDD. We'll see where we are in our May newsletter!

This time of year it is about prevention!

Fruit Tree Spray programs prevent insects and disease from hurting our crops! There is still time left to spray your fruit trees with dormant spray. **Bonide All Season Oil Spray**, which kills overwintering insects, and **Bonide Copper Fungicide** helps prevent some overwintering diseases like peach leaf curl. Once the trees leaf out, follow a spray program using **Bonide Fruit Tree Spray**. Pick up a copy of the spray schedule at our stores.

Crabgrass preventer is applied now to lawns to prevent the seeds of crabgrass and other annual weeds from germinating in your lawn. This usually includes a fertilizer. Now is also a good time to get ahead of the weeds in your beds by applying a pre-emergent [before weeds emerge], such as Preen or Bonide Weed Preventer, in your shrub and flower beds. This does not kill existing weeds! When existing weeds start "actively growing" spray with **Round-up, Bonide Kleen-Up** or any spray that contains glyphosate. This product is a **CONTACT SPRAY!** It kills what it's sprayed on and does not work in the soil. Spray thistle, dandelions, grasses or weeds. A little preventative work in the spring saves you a lot of hard work in the summer!

PLANT OF THE MONTH ~ Fruit Tree Varieties

This year we will carry some of the favorites of years past, but also some new varieties, all dwarf. The varieties that will be available are:

- **Apple:** Fuji, Gala, Golden Delicious, Honey Crisp, Lodi, SnowSweet and Yellow Delicious
- **Apricot:** Chinese and Moorpark
- **Cherry:** Bing, Blackgold, Black York, Jubileum, Montmorency, Rainier, Regina and Stella
- **Nectarine:** Mericrest and Rose Princess
- **Peach:** Belle of Georgia, Bonfire Patio, Contender, Harvester, July Elberta, Loring, Red Haven and Reliance
- **Pear:** Anjou and Kieffer
- **Plum:** Au Rosa and Stanley
- **Fruit Cocktail with:** Peach, Plum, Nectarine and Apricot, all on 1 tree!



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

"All through the long winter, I dream of my garden. On the first day of spring, I dig my fingers deep into the soft earth.



I can feel its energy, and my spirits soar."

Helen Hayes

Garden To Do List April



Garden:

Plant cool weather crops: peas, potatoes, onion sets, lettuce, broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower but resist warm season plants, like tomatoes and peppers, until middle of May.

Start seeds indoors that can be planted after frost free date (avg. May 15) such as tomatoes and peppers

Perennials

Add new perennials to your garden — ones with both great foliage and blooms with a mix of bloom times for flowers all summer long.

Divide and transplant clumps of perennials just as new growth begins.

Apply a side dressing of a balanced fertilizer like

Hi-Yield Dutch Bulb Food to spring flowering bulbs.

Don't cut spring flowering bulb leaves for at least 8 weeks after blooms fade to recharge bulbs.

Plant pansy and violas for early spring color. Dusty miller, dianthus & alyssum take cooler temps too.

Install peony rings to support garden peonies.

Spray emerging tulips with **Bonide Repels-All** to prevent chewing by wild critters.

Landscaping

Apply **Bonide Aluminum Sulphate** to blue hydrangeas

in early April to ensure blue color in summer. Repeat in late May.

Clean up, trim, edge, fertilize and apply **Preen** or **ferti•lome Start-N-Grow** if not done in March.

Then apply **Round-up** directly onto weeds that are actively growing, being careful not to spray shrubs and perennials. Lastly, top-dress with a layer of new mulch over existing mulch, if needed.

Fertilize trees with tree spikes or **ferti•lome Tree and Shrub Food**.

Lawn

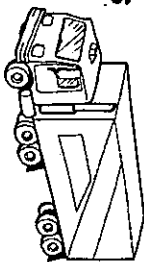
Repair bare spots, unless you've used a pre-emergence crabgrass preventer, which prevents grass seed from germinating, also.

Wait to spray broadleaf weeds until you have mowed 4 times. Since dandelions emerge earlier than other weeds, you'll kill the dandelions but miss the others.



SPRING is here!

We have perennials, trees, shrubs garden plants & garden supplies arriving by the truck load!



Nursery Stock

- Trees - Shrubs - Evergreens
- PLUS All Your Garden Plants
- Vegetable & Flowering Plants
- Seed Potatoes & Onion Sets
- Packaged & Bulk Garden Seeds
- Asparagus Roots
- Horseradish Plants
- Fruit: Trees & Plants
- Perennials - Roses - Herbs
- Summer Blooming Bulbs
- Bagged Goods
- Peat Moss - Potting Soil - Mulch
- Cow Manure - Decorative Stone

Other Garden Products

- Fertilizer - Grass Seed
- Garden Pond
- Pumps & Supplies
- We also have
- Pottery & Statuary
- Bird Baths & Feeders
- Patio Blocks & MORE
- Arriving in Late April
- Berry Vines & Grape Vines
- Strawberry Plants
- Hanging Baskets
- Geraniums
- Combo Planters & MORE!

Plant a Tree!

Arbor Day Celebration

April 26-27-28-29, 2018

Look for

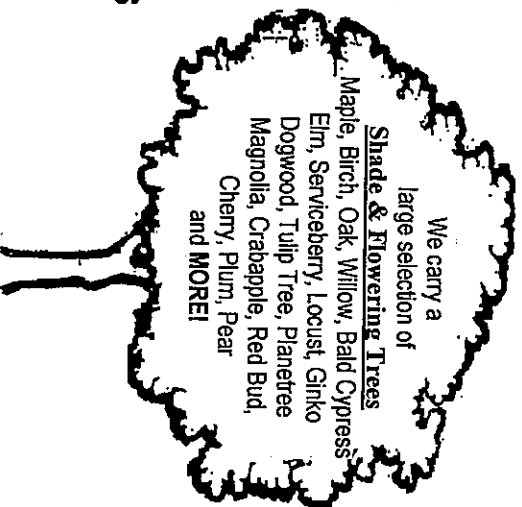
Specials

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& More

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