



# NEW LEAF News

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Early Spring Hours thru April 21: M-F 9-5, Sat. 9-3 (depending on weather), Sunday: Closed  
Hours starting Friday, April 22: M-F 9-6, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 12-4 **CLOSED EASTER SUNDAY**

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## Bagged Soils & Amendments and Their Uses

There are lots of bagged soils and amendments – but which ones to use??? We carry quality soil and amendment products to meet the different needs of home gardeners. Here's what we carry & the uses:

**Garden Magic Peat** – comes from a bog in Michigan and is screened for uniform consistency.

Size: 40# bag. **Recommended Uses:** Top dressing for lawns and gardens; Adds nutrients to sandy soils; Breaks up clay soils; Use as mulch to help control weeds

**Garden Magic Top Soil** - a blend of dark reed sedge peat & sand.

Size: 40# bag. **Recommended Uses:** Top dress lawns and gardens; Patch bare spots on lawns; Loosens heavy soils; Improves moisture retention in soil

**Garden Magic Compost and Manure** - an odor-free blend of natural organic reed sedge peat and composted animal manure that is naturally moist & fibrous. It provides natural nutrients, making it ideal for a wide range of plantings. Size: 40# bag. **Recommended Uses:** Top dressing for lawns and planting beds; Nursery planting; Composting of yard waste

**Garden Magic Potting Soil** - a general purpose mix that is ready to use out of the bag. It allows excess water to drain, yet retains sufficient moisture to sustain active plant growth during moderately dry periods. Size: 40# bag. **Composition:** Reed sedge peat, Perlite & Sand.

**Recommended Uses:** Indoor and outdoor potted plants; Planting beds

**BACCTO Lite Premium Potting Soil** - A lightweight blend of potting soil that now includes a fertilizer package consisting of both starter and slow-release fertilizers. It's ready to use right out of the bag. Sizes: 8 qt. & 20 qt. **Composition:** Pre-moistened sphagnum peat, Perlite & limestone.

**Recommended Uses:** Indoor or Outdoor use; Greenhouse plantings; Houseplants; Cuttings; Seed flats; Bulbs and potted plants

**BACCTO Garden Soil** - Ideal for outdoor vegetable gardens, flower gardens, and ornamental beds, it provides a nutrient-rich blend of most horticultural sphagnum peat moss and odor-free manure. Home gardeners can achieve gratifying results by working this product into existing soil. Size: 1 cu. ft. bag. **Recommended Uses:** Landscape beds; Vegetable & flower gardens; Trees and shrubs; Lawn patching

**BACCTO Veggie Mix** - Specially designed for growing vegetables, it contains natural organic peat and organic fertilizer that provides nutrients up to 6 weeks. Reduces watering- natural water holding capacity. **OMRI** listed. Size: 40 qt. bag. **Recommended Uses:** Top dressing for gardens; Pots or raised garden beds; Seed starting; Cuttings

**BACCTO Sphagnum Peat Moss** - Recommended by many gardening authorities, it's ideal for a wide range of plants, both indoors and out. 98% organic matter, provides excellent water retention, enriches soil with humus, aerates and loosens heavy soils and binds sandy soils and can hold many times its weight in moisture. Sizes: 2.2 cu. ft. & 3.8 cu. ft. bags. **Recommended**

**Uses:** Soil Conditioner; Trees; Shrubs; Roses; Bulbs; Acid-loving plants; Mulching; Lawns

**MULCH** - Mulching is one of the best things you can do for your garden. It controls weeds, retains moisture, prevents soil erosion, maintains soil nutrients, encourages earthworms and gives a finished look to your beds.

We carry the following mulches in 2 cu. ft. bags:

**Hardwood, un-dyed:** Black Accent & Black Diamond Ultra Triple Processed

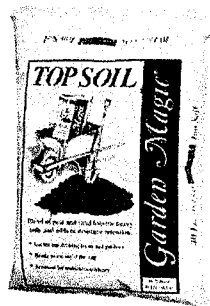
**Hardwood Dyed:** Absolute Black, Absolute Brown, Absolute Red

**Pine Bark Mulch** - Pine bark, Medium Pine Nuggets, Large Pine Nuggets

**Mulch and Soil Conditioner:** Mini Pine Fines

**Cypress Wood Mulch**

Also visit our stores for: Bagged & Bulk Decorative Stone, Flagstone, Patio and Retaining Wall Blocks



## What's Bugging You?

By Laurie

### Algae, Lichens & Moss On Trees and Shrubs

Algae, lichens and moss form green or grey, powdery or mossy, crusty growths on stems, branches and trunks of trees & shrubs. This can worry gardeners, but they are harmless.

**The problem?** Algae, lichens and moss are non-parasitic plant-like organisms that colonize bark, rock and other hard surfaces. Lichens and algae are often mistaken for a fungal disease but, fortunately, they do not harm plants. Furthermore, they can give a mature look to a garden, preferring damp areas with minimal air movement. However, growths of algae, lichens and moss may be more common on plants lacking vigor, so their presence could indicate that attention is needed, particularly on old fruit trees.

**Algae:** On tree trunks and leaves of evergreen trees and shrubs, algae can be seen as a green, powdery deposit. It is not unattractive on trunks but can make leaves dull.

**Lichens:** Lichens growing on trees and shrubs are mainly grey to green in color, may form as crusty patches, leafy mats, or upright branches or hanging growths on the bark or wood.

**Moss:** Various mosses can grow on trunks or branches of trees and shrubs & may form large, coarse, loose, green or yellowish-green tufts, matted tufts, or compact green cushions.

**Cause:** Algae, lichens and moss are found in damp places, as not only do they need moisture for growth but also for reproduction. Lichens are particularly adaptable as they are able to exist where nutrients, and sometimes water, are scarce. However, they grow only very slowly so, unlike moss and algae, are slow to colonize. Lichens prefer areas with clean air, so are more common in rural districts.

**Conditions** that favor such growths on branches and twigs include:

- Trees or shrubs which are lacking vigor, particularly those which are already dying back. In these circumstances the growth of lichen in particular is often unjustly blamed for the poor condition of an affected plant
- Trees and shrubs where the branches have become overcrowded. However, lichens and moss can also appear on vigorous new plants in humid areas
- The side of tree trunks facing the prevailing wind and rain
- The shady side of tree trunks

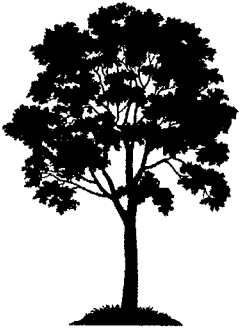
**Non-chemical control:** Control to some extent by improving air circulation; prune out overcrowded branches and cut back overhanging vegetation. Try to stimulate new growth by feeding, mulching, watering and applying a foliar feed. Once the plant regains vigor, badly affected shoots can be pruned out. Control is not necessary on tree trunks.  
**Chemical control:** There are no chemical controls for algae, lichens and moss on plants.

## PLANT OF THE MONTH ~ Brussels Sprouts

Nobody wants to be told to eat their veggies, but you should grow and eat Brussels sprouts! Sprouts have become the new "coolest cole crop" with new ways of cooking them – most often with bacon! The key to cooking Brussels sprouts is in not overcooking them (like mom use to do!), whether you steam, braise, boil or roast them. Sprouts can also be eaten raw when slawed like cabbage! They are high in protein and Vit. C and since they are a member of the cabbage family, they may offer some protection against some forms of cancer.

Brussels sprouts are a slow-growing, long-season veggie that needs to be planted in early to mid-summer, but allow 90 to 100 days before the first frost date. About 3 weeks before harvest, remove the top growing part to speed the lower sprout development. Sprouts improve in flavor after a light frost, so wait to harvest until then. We carry both seeds and plants. For more information, stop in at either store for a handout on growing them.





*Even if I knew that  
tomorrow the world  
would go to pieces,  
I would still plant  
my apple tree.*

Martin Luther 1483-1546

**Arbor Day – April 26, 2019**

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

## 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 **ferti-lome Gardeners Special fertilizer** 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.

### Landscape

#### 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** 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 1"-2" layer of **mulch**, over existing mulch.

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

### Lawn

Repair bare spots, unless you've used a

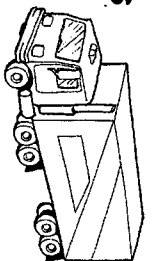
pre-emergence crabgrass preventer, which prevents grass seed from germinating, also.

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 other weeds.



## 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

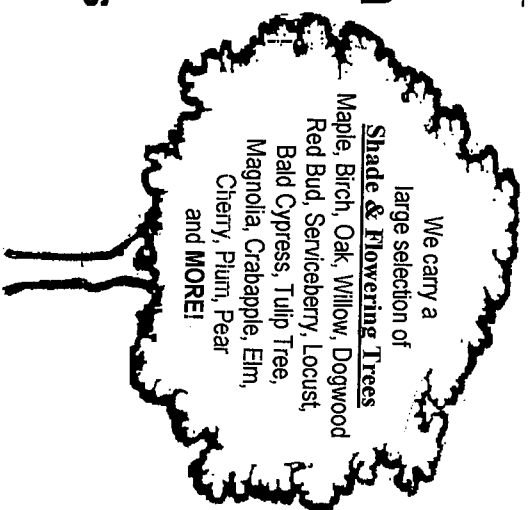
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### Specials

On selected

### Potted Trees & More

at BOTH Stores!



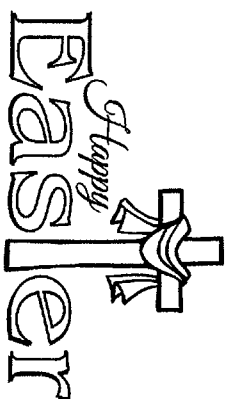
## SPRING FLOWERS for EASTER



Sunday, April 21, 2019

Tulips ~ Lilies  
Hyacinths  
Daffodils  
Asiatic Lilies  
and MORE!

Garden Flags  
Spring Silks & Pics  
Wind Chimes  
Spring Wreaths



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