



# NEW LEAF News

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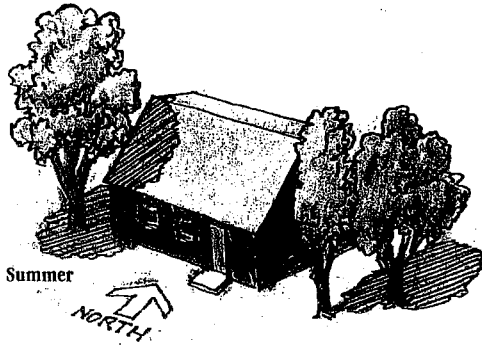
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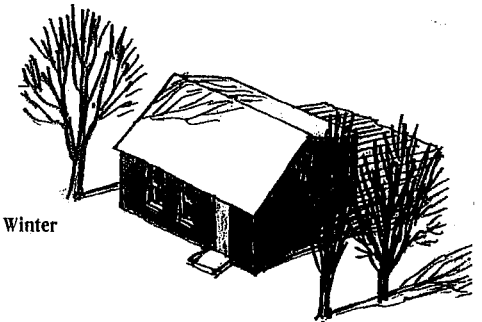
## PLANT A TREE FOR ARBOR DAY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>

The first Arbor Day was April 10, 1872 in Nebraska. J. Sterling Morton moved there from Detroit and missed all the trees he was used to in Michigan. Being a journalist, he spread agriculture information and love for trees. Not only were the trees important for shade from the hot sun, but also for windbreaks to keep soil from blowing and for fuel and building materials. It was estimated that more than one million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day. Now, Arbor Day is observed in all 50 states and many countries of the world. The last Friday in April is the date observed by many states but varies according to when the best tree planting weather occurs, such as Hawaii observes the last Friday in November and Alaska the third Monday in May.

We still plant trees for functional reasons and not just for beauty. Carefully placed trees can provide cooling summer shade, protect your home from chilling winter winds, and maximize energy gains from winter sunlight – cutting home energy use as much as 25 percent.



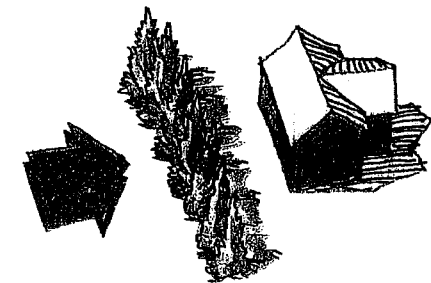
Deciduous trees are nature's energy savers. They shade and cool homes in the summer. Trees planted on the south side do not provide summer shade since the midday sun is directly overhead. Trees planted on the east, west, and northwest provide best morning and afternoon shade. Also, shading your air conditioner can increase its efficiency by 10%.



These same trees that cool your home in summer, do not prevent winter sun from shining directly on your home during winter months

Wind breaks can help to slow or change direction of the wind. This could help prevent heat loss. Plant a windbreak in the direction from which the prevailing winds blow, which in our area is the south-west. To work best, plant evergreens trees close together to create a wall and plant the distance of one or two tree heights from the house.

Trees also attract songbirds and other wildlife to your back yard with flowering trees that produce fruits in summer that persist through the winter months. Evergreens give cover and protection from wind, rain and snow.



**There are so many reasons to plant a tree. What's stopping you?**

## PLANT OF THE MONTH ~ Asparagus

Asparagus is a long-lived perennial vegetable that can be productive for 15 years or more if given proper care. Each asparagus crown can produce ½ lb. of spears per year when fully established. The varieties we'll have this year are: **Mary Washington**, an heirloom variety with delicious long, uniform spears. **Viking KB3**, an improved Mary Washington that produces a large crop. **Jersey Giant**, a male variety that is a higher yielding and is meaty & tasty. **Purple Passion** is one of the most tender and tastiest, and gets lighter when cooked.

For the complete article on "Growing Asparagus in the Home Garden" visit the OSU Extension website at: <http://ohioline.osu.edu/hyg-fact/1000/1603.html> or stop by either store for a handout.



## Signs of Spring - Hummingbirds And Baltimore Orioles

**Baltimore Orioles** – A few years ago orioles at feeders were a rare sight. Now the birds seem to know that oriole feeders mean food and frequent those feeders.



Even though they have bright colors, decked out in bright orange hues, they are actually a member of the blackbird family and their striking black and orange color is the first thing you'll notice when they visit your feeder. Their preferred food is suet, jelly or jam, orange nectar or oranges themselves. We carry all the supplies you'll need to feed the orioles that come to your backyard... suet cakes and holders, jelly-jam feeders, oriole feeders and instant nectar. They aren't as quick to find feeders as hummingbirds, so be patient.

Orioles are in Ohio from late April until early October. These eye-catching birds build unique, pouch-shaped nests that hang from branches. 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.

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

### Hummingbirds are coming!

#### Are you ready?



Two species of hummingbirds visit Ohio, the Ruby-throated and Rufous. Hummingbirds are

important pollinators in the garden and some plants have evolved long, tubular flowers to take advantage of hummingbirds' specialized method of sipping nectar. Native honeysuckle, penstemon, salvias, and others rely on visits from hummingbirds for reproduction. So, put up a hummingbird feeder and plant a hummingbird garden (we have a list of plants hummers love at both stores) and invite these little garden jewels to your backyard.

To attract these whimsical birds to your yard, here are some helpful tips:

1. Hang hummingbird nectar feeders. Ones that have some red color on them will attract more birds. Discard nectar immediately if it becomes cloudy and fill with fresh.
2. Keep ants away from the feeder using either an ant guard or coating the pole with vegetable oil or non-stick cooking spray.
3. Put out feeders in early spring and keep them up until fall.
4. If you have a "bully" bird, add 2 or 3 more feeders.
5. Plant flowers that attract hummers. Red is a beacon and has proven to be the most effective color in attracting them. Long, tubular, down-hanging blossoms are also preferred. Plan a garden with flowers that bloom at different times so hummers will always have a reason to visit your yard.

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

An addiction to gardening  
 is not all bad when you  
 consider all the other  
 choices in life.

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**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 outside after our average frost-free date of May 15<sup>th</sup>

**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 off 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 now 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.



**Celebrate New Leaf  
 Garden Center's  
 30th Anniversary**

Thirty years have gone by **FAST** and I would like to take this opportunity to **THANK** all our customers for their loyal patronage over the years.

So we're celebrating by giving away....

**10 - \$30.00 Gift Certificates**

You may sign up to win one of these Gift Certificates with every purchase, at **BOTH** stores all month long!

~ Anniversary Coupon ~  
**30% Off**  
 One Potted Tree, Shrub  
 or Evergreen

One Offer per Customer - Offer expires 4-30-21



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**Arbor Day**

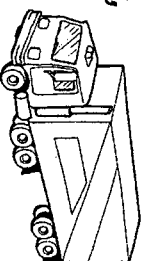
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We carry a large selection of **Shade & Flowering Trees**

- Maple, Birch, Oak, Willow, Dogwood, Red Bud, Serviceberry, Locust, Bald Cypress, Tulip Tree, Magnolia, Crabapple, Elm, Cherry, Plum and **MORE!**

**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
- Strawberry 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
- Fruit Tree Spray
- Animal Repellents

**We also have**

- Pottery & Statuary
- Bird Baths & Feeders
- Wild Bird Seed
- Patio Blocks & **MORE**

**Coming Soon:**

- Berry Vines & Grape Vines
- Hanging Baskets
- Geraniums
- Combo Planters & **MORE!**

**Don't forget MOM on Mother's Day**

May 9, 2021

**We'll have lots of beautiful things to choose from!**

- Combo Planters
- Hanging Baskets
- Fairy Garden Supplies
- Perennials & Herbs
- Rose Bushes
- Flowering Trees & Shrubs
- Garden Flags & Flag Holders
- Gazing Globes & Stands
- Decorative Garden solar lights
- Bird Baths, Feeders & Food
- Wind chimes & Garden Art
- Shepherd Hooks
- Concrete Statuary & Benches
- Summer Bulbs and **MORE!**

