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Lawn Care Club Reminder!

It's time for your June fertilization, so come pick up your next application of **ferti-lome Lawn Food + Iron**. For those of you not in the club, we recommend this particular product at this time of year because it contains a slow-release form of Nitrogen plus extra Iron to help your lawn stay green and healthy without excess top growth. Lawn Food + Iron comes in a phosphorus free formula of 28-0-4, and is available in bags that will cover 5,000 or 10,000 square feet. For those of you with summer weed problems, on Bermuda or Zoysia lawns, spot spray weeds with an application of **ferti-lome Bermuda Grass Weeder**. Centipede and St. Augustine lawns, or any lawns with nutgrass problems, may be sprayed with **Image**. For widespread broadleaf weed problems, you may substitute an application of **ferti-lome Weed-Out + Lawn Food** for the **Lawn Food + Iron**.

Put out the right product in the right place and at the right time.

For those of you unhappy with the commercial lawn services you've been using, ask about our Lawn Care Club. For much less money than the services charge, we can help you get a beautiful, weed-free lawn for only a few hours every other month of your time. You have the satisfaction of knowing you are applying the proper product, at the right time, and you see exactly where it is going. Membership also entitles you to free insecticide for your lawn as a bonus for joining, and you are eligible for club discount on spreaders, sprayers, and any weed killers you might need in addition. Don't forget that a Lawn Care Club Membership would make a fabulous Father's Day present, too!



June & July Lawn Care

TO FERTILIZE: **ferti-lome Lawn Food + Iron**
 FOR WEED PROBLEMS : **ferti-lome Weed Out + Lawn Food**
ferti-lome Bermuda Grass Weeder for Bermuda or Zoysia Grasses
Image for Centipede or St. Augustine Grasses or for nutgrass problems in any lawn

Our customers may borrow one of our fertilizer spreaders for 24 hours, free of charge.

Well, its unbelievable,

but this will be the first June-July newsletter in over five years that we haven't been warning our customers about drought conditions! Yippee! That having been said, you will still need to provide your trees, shrubs, and bedding plants with adequate irrigation if we do not continue to receive one inch of rainfall per week this summer. It's still a good time to plant trees and shrubs, and if your bedding plants need a little beefing up, we've got lots of Annual and Perennial color available to perk up your beds and pots. Now is the time to prune your Azaleas and Camellias if needed, and you may also fertilize your trees and shrubs with **ferti-lome Tree & Shrub Food** or **ferti-lome Azalea, Camellia, Rhododendron Food** according to type. Fruiting trees and berries may be fed with **ferti-lome Fruit, Citrus, and Pecan Food**, and your vegetables will benefit from an application of **ferti-lome Gardener's Special** to help them produce a bountiful crop. Watch your tomatoes for Blossom End Rot, and apply **ferti-lome Yield Booster** to correct the problem. As your vegetables ripen, don't forget **Bird Netting** unless you don't mind sharing your crop with the neighborhood wildlife. To keep your lawn green and healthy, June is the month to put out your next application of **ferti-lome Lawn Food + Iron**. Let our experienced and knowledgeable staff help you with all the plants, fertilizers, and tools you'll need to get your summer off to the most successful start ever.



No, its not a Pink Dogwood!
 Its the newest
 Endless Summer Hydrangea
 'Twist-n-Shout'!

June hours are
 Mon-Fri 8:00-5:30
 Saturdays 8:00-5:00
 July hours are
 Mon-Sat 8:00-5:00
 We will be closed
 Saturday, July 4th

*Winter is cold-hearted, spring is yea and nay,
 Autumn is a weather-cock blown every way.
 Summer days for me
 When every leaf is on its tree. Christina Rossetti*

Early Summer Specials!

All Roses on Sale! Knockouts and WhiteOut 10% off, all other Roses 20% off!
All Endless Summer, Blushing Bride, and Twist N Shout Hydrangeas 20% off!
All Spring Bulbs 25% off!



**June is the month for Dads and Grads!
(and for Newlyweds, but we couldn't come up with a suitable rhyme)**

Don't forget that Green Thumb has great gifts and gadgets for the more experienced 'yard man' on your gift list as well as for the first-time home owners just setting out on their new lives. We've got practical gifts such as hats, gloves, shoes, and tools, or a membership in the Green Thumb Nursery Lawn Care Club. We've also got cool composters and rain barrels that promote a greener lifestyle, and plenty of decorative accents for the home including pottery, statuary, fountains, and outdoor (yes, we said outdoor!) artwork. For the gardeners on your list who like to do their own shopping, Green Thumb also offers gift certificates!

"Muchas grass-cias!"

We've got absolutely gobs of great grasses in for your pots and landscapes! We have our favorite annual, Purple Fountain Grass, and we've got many types of hardy perennial grasses such as Mulhy Grass and Maidengrass, as well. Some have a dwarf habit, several of them are variegated, and they all will provide several seasons of interest in your yard with their varied textures and plume-like blooms. There are so many to choose from, you're sure to find just the right one for your particular situation, and you'll say "many thanks" when you do!



Back row: Purple Fountain Grass, Japanese Silver Grass, Shenandoah Switch Grass, and Zebra Grass
Front Row: Fireworks Fountain Grass, White Fountain Grass, Porcupine Grass and Adagio Maidengrass

**Want to shake it up, baby?
Twist-n-Shout!**

We are delighted to introduce the latest sibling in the Endless Summer Hydrangea family-'Twist-n-Shout'! This lovely lacecap features flat-topped blooms with tiny center flowers surrounded by enormous bracts that will either be pink in alkaline soil or periwinkle blue in acid soil. Like the original Endless Summer (left) and its sport Blushing Bride (right), Twist-n-Shout (center) blooms on both last year's stems as well as this year's new growth, giving you an extra long flowering period compared to regular Hydrangeas. Like all Hydrangeas, however, it performs



best in partial shade and needs ample moisture and well drained soil. Find a space for this spectacular specimen in your landscape this year, and soon you, too, will be dancing for joy!

Heading off problems

Stay ahead of disease and insect problems in your lawn this year instead of playing catch-up. Apply **Hi-Yield Turf Ranger** to control pests such as ants, ticks, fleas, mole crickets, and chinch bugs in your yard, and treat fungal problems with **ferti-lome F-Stop** fungicide. Each should be applied with a spreader for even coverage, and watered in immediately to activate. Both will give you weeks and weeks of protection.



The newest introductions from the breeder who brought us KnockOut Roses!

We really like the two new colors from the creator of the original KnockOut Rose. Making its mass market debut just last year, Sunny Knockout blooms feature a yummy lemon yellow that ages to a creamy buff after the profuse blossoms have been open a few days. Joining it this year is WhiteOut, featuring pure snow white flowers. Both these shrub Roses will get three to four feet tall with a similar spread, and will repeat bloom readily throughout



the growing season. As with all Roses in our humid climate, these tough little beauties will perform their best in a site with at least six hours of direct sun a day and good air circulation. They look great massed out in beds, and they are also terrific candidates for containers due to their shrubby habit. They're also on sale, so now is the perfect time to add one or both of these exciting new Roses to your landscape!

photos courtesy Conard-Pyle

Although purple-leaved Loropetalums

have recently been all the rage, there are some new introductions in the green-leaved varieties that we are excited about, too! Joining the Southern Living Plant Collection is 'Emerald Snow', a compact grower that matures at 3-4 feet tall with a similar spread. Emerald Snow features evergreen foliage that makes a great contrast with the bright white, fringed flowers it has in late winter into the spring. We think it's going to make a great foundation shrub for our area. Also new to us this year is 'Snow Mound', a very dwarf variety that can be used as a groundcover. Snow Mound will get about 2 feet tall and up to 6 feet wide. Don't they make you feel cooler just by looking at them?



Emerald Snow closeup, left, and Snow Mound, below



photos courtesy Southern Living Plant Collection and KiwiGold

Summer flowering bulbs are now 25% off!
Colorful favorites such as Peonies, Glads, Elephant Ears, Cannas, Caladiums, and fragrant Lilies are still available, but shop early for the best selection!
Prices good through July 31st.