



green thumb gazette

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If you missed the February window, act now, because even if you didn't catch some of the late winter weeds, you're still in time to prevent pesky summer weeds like Crabgrass, Clover, and Dandelions by using **ferti-lome All Seasons Lawn Food + Crabgrass Preventer** as soon as possible. All Seasons has just the right combination of Nitrogen, Phosphorous, and Potassium to bring your lawn out of cool season dormancy looking healthy and green, and it also contains Barricade, which helps prevent weed seeds from germinating as the weather warms. It is safe to use on Bermuda, Centipede, Zoysia, and St. Augustine grasses, and the slow-release formula it contains will continue to feed your lawn until it is time for your April application of **ferti-lome Lawn Food + Iron**.

To treat weeds that have already sprouted, you'll want to spray them with **ferti-lome Weed Free Zone**. It works well even in cooler temperatures, and kills a wide variety of broadleaf weeds as well as hard to kill problems like Wild Onion and Nutgrass. If you have St.

Augustine that is coming out of dormancy, spot spray only as it will be vulnerable to herbicides until it is fully green. We have **Weed Free Zone** in three sizes of concentrate, as well as in ready-to-use formulations if you don't wish to mix your own. We also think using **Hi-Yield Spreader Sticker** is a smart idea with any herbicide. This product is an additive that causes more of the weed killer to be absorbed by the weed's leaves, and that means you will have a better chance of killing the weed without having to re-spray later.

Cheap(er) Thrills!

If you aspire to have a lawn that sets the beauty standard for your neighborhood, consider joining the **Green Thumb Nursery Lawn Care Club**. On an average sized yard, our simple do-it-yourself program will only take a few minutes of your time every other month, and for much less money than the commercial spray services charge. You know you're putting out the right product, at the right time, and in the right place, and you will even receive free insecticide for your lawn as a bonus for joining. Your membership also entitles you to discounts on other lawn care products.



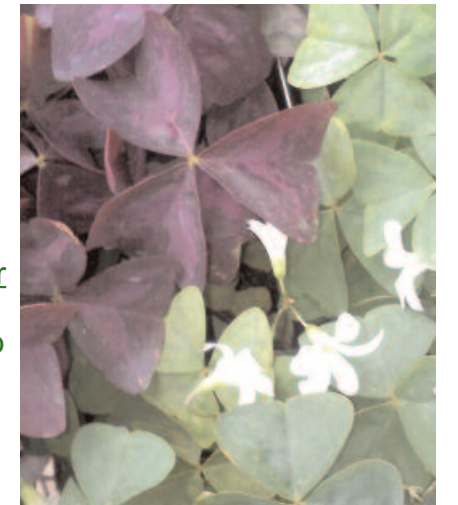
MARCH LAWN CARE

FOR WEED PROBLEMS : **ferti-lome All Seasons Lawn Food + Crabgrass Preventer**
ferti-lome Weed Free Zone

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

Can it possibly be spring?

Well, that's what the calendar says, anyway, and we are glad to welcome more moderate weather. It's a great time to plant early spring flowering plants like Forsythia, Spiraea, Ornamental Cherries, Quince, Crabapples, Redbuds, and Japanese Magnolias, as well as any other trees and shrubs, before summer's heat returns. It is also a good time to start planting Annuals and Perennials for seasonal color since we've got fresh shipments arriving weekly for you to pick from. You'll get the best results by using **ferti-lome Root Stimulator** on everything you plant this time of year, including the bedding plants, so they'll get their root systems off to a healthy start. It is also the time to support the growth your other established trees and shrubs will be putting out now by fertilizing them with **ferti-lome Tree & Shrub Food**. After your Azaleas have bloomed, you can feed them with **ferti-lome Azalea/Evergreen Food Plus** to help them produce next year's flowers while you also protect them from pests such as lacebugs. This is also an ideal product to use now on other acid-loving plants like Camellias, Hollies, and Magnolias. If the wet February we had kept you from getting your **ferti-lome All Seasons Lawn Food + Crabgrass Preventer** down last month, putting it out now will still stop many aggravating summer weeds like Crabgrass and Dandelions from sprouting while it helps your lawn green up quickly. Speaking of wet, don't let the *memory* of rain keep you from watering when your plants actually need it. As our temperatures warm, they will need you to supply water if we don't get an inch of rainfall per week. Visit Green Thumb Nursery soon and let our knowledgeable and helpful staff assist you with all the plants, tools, fertilizers, and supplies you'll need to get your spring off to the best possible start.



Purple and Green Shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day!

Beginning March 15th, our Spring hours will be Mon-Fri 8:00-5:30 and Saturdays 8:00-5:00

One of the healthiest ways to gamble is with a spade and a package of garden seeds.

Dan Bennett

March Specials!

GTN Planting Mix three bags for \$13.99!

Beat the clock coupon for 10% off our gorgeous 10" + larger Ferns! Boston, Emerald Queen, Macho, and Asparagus available!



Very Potter-y

With apologies to Harry Potter, you've got to come see our absolutely magical assortment of terra cotta planters! We have both unglazed and glazed to choose from in a multitude of shapes, colors, and sizes, plus lightweight faux terra cotta, several lines of concrete, and even coco-lined metal containers!

Don't forget! March is the time to stock up on Green Thumb Nursery Planting Mix for all the planting projects you'll be doing this spring and summer! Special pricing! Three bushel bags for only \$13.99! Good thru 3/31/10!



Our Summer Bulbs are here!! We've got old favorites, some new and unusuals, and even vegetables like potatoes, garlic, and asparagus!!

That's for the birds!

We have a decorative and practical new line of bird houses and bird feeders in stock! Handmade in the USA of recycled materials, they come in several styles, and are easy to fill and easy to clean out. Come see these and all the other feeders, food, and houses we carry! Also, remember to put out your hummingbird feeders by the end of this month if you want to entice these fascinating flying jewels to stick around in your back yard this summer!

Thought for Food

It is time to feed most trees and shrubs with **ferti-lome** Tree & Shrub Food to help support the new growth of the season they're beginning to produce. Immediately after your Azaleas have flowered this spring, feed them with **ferti-lome** Azalea/Evergreen Food Plus, which contains a systemic insecticide to protect them and other acid-loving plants such as Camellias and Hollies from pests such as Lacebugs and Scale.



Get to Know Maryanne Callaway and Emerald Queen Fern!

Maryanne has been working at the Troy Highway store for more than thirteen years, and she is the go-to person in the bedding plant greenhouse. A "transplant" originally from Michigan, she is glad to be here in our warmer climate! Her pick plant for this month is the Emerald Queen Fern. This favorite Fern has beautiful, bright green foliage and a more upright growth habit than the more familiar Boston, and it tolerates direct morning sun even during our hot summers. It makes a fabulous stand-alone specimen, and we also love to use it as a centerpiece plant in mixed color pots for shade to part sun situations. Maryanne will be glad to show you our fabulous assortment of Emerald Queen and other Ferns that will add beauty to your landscape and your containers throughout the spring and summer seasons!



New, Stylish, and Green!!!
(and yellow, and blue, and...)



photos courtesy Polywood®

We are thrilled to present the new eco-friendly furniture collection from Polywood®! This wonderful line is made in America from recycled milk jugs and provides a natural wood look with the strength and durability of UV stabilized HDPE plastic. Chairs, benches, tables, and accent pieces all come in a varied range of designs that go from comfortably classic to sleekly contemporary, and you may order them in your choice of traditional colors or in beachy brights. Cushions are also available for many of the pieces in weather-resistant Sunbrella® fabric, so you can save the planet in high style!



Another way to "grow a little greener"

is to use the organic products in the **Natural Guard** line of fertilizers and insecticides on your yard this year. When applied according to directions, they are an easy, safe, and effective way to have a lovely landscape with a lower environmental impact.

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Easter is early this year,

so if you are interested in having living ryegrass baskets, you'll need to get them started by the middle of the month for them to fill in properly. Come check out our way-too-cute assortment of Lambs, Chicks, and Bunnies that are perfect for decorating your Passover and Easter tables. We've got statuary and pots available!



precious Resting Lamb statue by Unique Stone

Special Savings for Early Birds!

Until Daylight Savings Time begins, all of our absolutely beautiful

Boston, Emerald Queen, Macho, and Asparagus Ferns in 10" Hanging Baskets and 10" and 14" Pots are 10% off!

Coupon must be presented at purchase. Sale prices good through March 14, 2010