

# GREEN



# GAZETTE THUMB

Fall 2020

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## Find the "Green Lining"

Welcome Fall! This has been a decidedly different and challenging year as we've navigated through the Coronavirus Pandemic. As doors of small businesses closed all around us, we were extremely grateful to be deemed essential and allowed to keep our doors open to you, our customers.

We recently read an article where the author attempted to find a "silver lining" to the pandemic. While there has been great heartache and loss over these past months, and we certainly don't want to minimize those tragedies, the author said the one redemptive factor was the realization of the truth that plants, trees, and shrubs can soothe, heal, inspire and grow our inner being during times of crisis. She called this a "Green Lining" in the midst of a growing panic. We agree with her and celebrate the courage of YOU, our customers! You have been creative, generous, and kind as you shopped for plants here at Green Thumb Nursery.

Your curiosity about the process of planting, nurturing, and growing brings great joy to us! Our team works tirelessly to answer questions, lead by example, and teach some who are gardening for the first time.

With the arrival of fall colors and vegetables comes the unique opportunity to keep riding the wave of this "Green Lining." We have a large selection of Mums, Pansies, Violas, Dianthus, Snapdragons, along with Mustard, Swiss Chard, Cabbage, Kale, Dusty Miller, and hardy herbs



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to give color and texture to your landscape. Add some Parsley and Rosemary to your pots and beds and enjoy it for culinary treats! Bedding plants are heavy feeders and like to eat! We apply **FERTI•LOME PREMIUM BEDDING PLANT FOOD** when we plant and then throughout the season we add **FERTI•LOME'S BLOOMING AND ROOTING!** The high middle number in the formula tells you it is pushing blooms!

As we are social distancing, many are using this time to serve others by putting together patio planters for friends and family. A few customers keep returning as their landscape vision expands. It is fun to see you experience these meaningful times as families, and to hear of your success becomes our version of Victory



Gardens. Your resilience and courage reveals what it truly means to stand together as we navigate this global pandemic. 🌱

## Houseplants are the New Therapy for 2020!

**D**id you know houseplants bring energy to our living spaces? They provide a functional purpose of cleaning the air by constantly working to remove VOCs from the air within our homes. VOCs known as Volatile Organic Compounds are chemicals with high vapor pressure and low water solubility. These VOCs emit toxic gasses and are found in our cleaning supplies, craft products, home repair, building materials, and various other products we routinely use.

A few houseplants can't compensate for the mass products of chemicals we often use on a weekly basis. You would need hordes of houseplants - think nine hundred plants for nine hundred square feet - to ensure the air quality needed. But don't be dismayed. We may have the perfect one waiting for you to place in a central location to begin the purification process of your own living space. And the added bonus?

Houseplants cleanse more than air quality. They often refresh and revive the inner

attitude as well. So come on over and browse through our new houseplant selection. You'll find yourself breathing clean air and walking away with a smile on your face, an extra bounce in your step, and a houseplant to keep you happy for years to come. 🌿



### IMPORTANT LAWN CARE INFORMATION!

**O**ctober is the best time to apply **FERTI-LOME WINTERIZER AND WEED PREVENTER**. This granular product keeps cool-season weeds from sprouting by preventing the dormant seeds from germinating. The lower nitrogen-higher potassium balance of the fertilizer helps promote root hardiness in your turfgrass.



Once daytime temps drop below the mid-80's, any existing weeds should be sprayed with **FERTI-LOME WEED FREE ZONE**. This will knock out pesky weeds such as Dollar Weed, and Florida Betony, also known as Rattlesnake Weed. Any troublesome patches of fungus can be treated with a dose of **FERT-LOME F-STOP**, a granular fungicide to kill the spores before your grass goes into winter dormancy. You may also make a final application of **HI-YIELD TURF RANGER** to kill any lingering insect pests. 🌿

## Fall Shades

We recently had a phone call from a young mother who wanted to know if we sell shade trees. While spending time at home during shelter in place, they had become keenly aware of the intensity of the sun without shade. Her daughter was reluctant to go outside to play because of the heat and glare of the sun. If you are in the same dilemma and need shade for your yard, come browse our wide selection of trees. We have many varieties and many sizes – you will be amazed!

Fall really is the best time for planting trees and shrubs. The reason being that air temperatures drop and are generally cooler than the soil temperature. This encourages new root growth but doesn't stimulate new top growth – which is exactly what we hope for as we head into the winter season! If you're a frequent Green Thumb shopper, then you know how strongly we encourage applying **FERTI-LOME'S ROOT STIMULATOR** after the installation of trees and shrubs. We advertise this product because we know the science behind it and how vital it is to establish healthy root systems during this season.

Water is also critical to the life of a newly planted tree since they are often under stress due to a new environment. Be sure to pour on that extra love and care. We carry an excellent variety of watering bags to help regulate the



## FALL BULBS are here!



**SHOP EARLY FOR THE BEST SELECTION.**

Don't forget to grab a bag of **HI-YIELD DUTCH BULB FOOD** to use when you plant them.

correct amount of water needed. Proper watering brings moisture and oxygen to the root system and helps ensure your trees and shrubs maintain their health and beauty.

Trees and shrubs which are planted in the fall are often better equipped to withstand heat and drought the following spring and summer. A stronger, more durable root system is desirable for next spring when the tree or shrub really begins to produce lovely foliage and spring blossoms. And an added bonus for planting in the fall season is choosing trees and shrubs for the fall color they produce. Some tree species we love and recommend for fall planting include Maple, Chinese Pistache, Gingko, and Nuttall Oaks. 🍁





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(DOES NOT INCLUDE HANGING BASKETS)
- SELECT FALL TOOLS - 20% OFF  
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THIS SALE WILL RUN UNTIL THANKSGIVING DAY 2020.



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BUGGED  
BY BUGS?**

Apply **FERTI-LOME SYSTEMIC INSECT DRENCH** before your plants go dormant! It will be taken up as the plant absorbs water, and will protect your plant from overwintering insects all the way through spring! 🌱

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