IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK:



- → Gardening Tips: 1. When/how to apply dormant oil sprays.
 2. New Veggie Garden Planning tool. 3. Plant supports.
- ightarrow New Product: Drip trays for fibre baskets, PW Water Wise Kits
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APRIL 12th E-NEWS

Open 9am-6:00pm daily except Sun.

GARDENING TIPS: When to apply dormant oil sprays

The most frequently asked question from customers the past few weeks is 'When do you put on dormant sprays?' So even though I've addressed this question before in the Gardening Tips column, here is the answer once more.

DON'T APPLY DORMANT OIL TOO it's a waste of time and EARLY: money!! Dormant oil is applied to completely cover all parts of the trunk and branches of the fruit tree. The reason it works as an insecticide and fungicide is through suffocation. Early applications are washed off by rains long before insects are starting to hatch or even stir, and do basically nothing. To get the best 'bang for your buck', dormant oil must be applied as late as possible in the spring, but not so late that it damages the plant (dormant oil will 'burn' fully expanded leaves by clogging the stomata of the leaves and suffocating them). For us, that means applying dormant oil in the orchard when the buds are already expanding and show $\frac{1}{2}$ inch green to tight cluster (see photos on right). This is much later, I'm sure than you have traditionally applied

dormant oil but this is the best time to do it. The only time dormant oil should be applied before the $\frac{1}{2}$ inch green stage is if you notice an early outbreak of aphids as happened this year with peaches. By the way, if your peach trees had peach leaf curl last year, you can still apply Bordo Mix (copper) IF the leaves are not yet expanding otherwise it's already too late.



½ inch green



tight cluster

2. A New Veggie Garden Planning Tool

If you're an experienced gardener, and especially if you're not, you will love this new planning tool on the Gardener Supply Company's website. Google www.gardeners.com and click on 'New Kitchen Garden Planner'. It's free, interactive and has lots of interesting features. Have fun!!!

V.I.P CARDS: free; everything we sell counts except sale items; no expiry date. Get credit for 10% of purchase total after 10 purchases. Get yours today.

New Product: Drip trays for Cocofiber and Moss Baskets



No more wet puddles under your fiber baskets! At last there's a solution. These clear vinyl drip pans snap quickly and easily onto the basket.

Proven Winners Water Wise Kits



\$19.99/kit

- -Step-by-step instructions make it easy to use. Everything you need is in the kit.
- -Can water up to 10 containers or 30 feet of landscape beds from a single faucet.
- -Uses drippers instead of spray heads~ no need to adjust water flow.
- -Tubing is a tan colour, pleasing to the eye and blends into the landscape.
- -To watch a video on how easy it is to set up and use go to www.provenwinners.com/ce_index.cfm? waterwise

'Just set it and forget it.'

*Plants of the week:

Perpetual spinach: If you've had problems with your spinach going to seed before you get to harvest much, if any, then you need to try this variety. Perpetual spinach continues to bear all summer long. Just harvest the outer leaves and new leaves will continue to emerge from the center throughout the growing season.

Cornus x 'Venus' (Venus dogwood)

This hybrid dogwood is a cross between the native BC dogwood (Cornus nuttallii) and the Chinese dogwood (Cornus kousa var. chinensis).

- *Hardy to Zone 5 Ht. to 20 ft.
- *best in slightly acidic soils
- *Sun to part shade ~ good understory tree where it can be protected from harsh sun and winds
- *Huge blooms 6" or more across for 3 weeks mid to late May.
- *excellent fall colour
- *fast growing
- *drought tolerant when established



Don't forget to Sign up ASAP for **Spring Workshops**

5. CONTAINER GARDENING

New plants! New techniques. April 13: 6:30-8:30 pm

FEE is \$15 + GST per person

6. PLANTING A MOSS BASKET

Hands-on, do-it-yourself workshop April 20: 6-8 pm (note time) FEE is \$45 + GST per person Plants must be purchased separately.

Q. WHY ARE CONTAINER-GROWN CEDARS A BETTER VALUE THAN BALLED AND BURLAPPED ONES. **EVEN** THOUGH THEY COST MORE?

A. Because B & B plants have been field-grown and are freshly many of the roots have been cut off in the digging. The plants are already under stress before even transplant them into your garden~ the likelihood of loss is much higher than with plants that have been grown in a container where the root system is complete and consequently will not be set back by transplanting.

CONTAINER-GROWN EMERALD CEDARS

3-4 ft. - \$20 ea. or 10/\$150.00

5-6 ft. - \$25 ea. or 10/\$200.00

Best regards and Happy Gardening, Harriet

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We have these varieties to choose from:









Susan'

'Rustica Rubra' 'Galaxy' 'Butterflies'



ALL 15% OFF

Leonard Messel



Magnolia grandiflora' Victoria'

(This variety sent in error ~ only just hardy to Zone 6 so only plant in protected site close to Shuswap Lake.)

SPRING CLEAN-UP SALE

(UP TO 75% OFF ORIGINAL PRICE)

(We're adding more as stock sells so check back often.)

POLE PRUNERS(8' OR 10')~

15% OFF

HEATHS 15cm pots - 3/\$15

DORMANT OIL KITS- \$14.99

All pkg'd SEEDS- 30% off

All pkg'd BERRIES, ONION

SETS, SEED POTATOES15% off

ALBERTA PEAT MOSS:

2.2cu.ft.~\$6.99

3.8cu.ft ~\$8.99

GARDEN TOOLS~ great prices

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