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Growing with Gray's

A Seasonal Gardening Newsletter for the Willamette Valley

Organics Are Getting Easier, More Effective And More Affordable

They used to be expensive and you had to be very dedicated to organics if they were going to work for you. But recent scientific advances have moved everything organic to everyday practical and affordable. We carry everything from organic plants to organic soils, fertilizers and remedies. For this issue, we are spotlighting a new line of organic remedies from E.B. Stone as well as one of our favorite growers (and people) - Rich Wilen of Hayhurst Valley Organic Nursery.

Introducing The Newest Generation Of Organic Remedies

Gray's Garden Centers is proud to introduce a new lineup of products from EB Stone to help you safely control garden pests, plant disease and weeds throughout the yard using all-natural ingredients. These unique formulations are highly effective, yet less toxic to the environment.

One of the safest pesticides available, EB Stone Insect Soap kills insects on contact with no dangerous residual activity. And there is almost no impact on hard-shell beneficial insects like ladybugs. It is safe for indoor and outdoor and up to the day of harvest on edible crops. Also consider EB Stone Rose-N-Flower Insect Soap and EB Stone Copper Soap.

Kill weeds and unwanted grasses on contact with EB Stone Weed-N-Grass. Within hours you will see the weeds begin to die. This unique soap based formulation works down to 40F allowing you to begin weed control in cooler temperatures. Once dry it is safe for pets and kids and leaves no dangerous residue. The all-natural formula only controls the weeds you spray and will not harm surrounding plants.

Grower Spotlight - Hayhurst Valley Organic Farm & Nursery

We carry one of the areas best selection of organic plants, including vegetables. One of the people that has really helped us grow in this area is Rich Wilen of Hayhurst Valley.

Rich and his wife Kate have been involved in organic gardening since the 70's and are one of the leading producers of organic vegetable starts in this area. Rich was an integral part of the City of Eugene's Community Gardens program and was also one of the founders of the northwest's largest wholesale organic produce coops "Organically Grown".

Now is a great time to plant. Check out our fabulous selection of Hayhurst Valley organic starts now!

A New Look and Easier Shopping At Springfield

The Springfield Gray's has a new look with the addition of a Nexus greenhouse cover over the front nursery, as well as a new store front. "So far, the customer reaction has been fantastic" says David Green, store manager. "With the new space, it's easier to find things and it's definitely more attractive".

Please pay us a visit, we would love to know what you think!



New Color For Shade

Need something to brighten up those partly shady areas? Look no further. Gray's Greenhouses is introducing two new exciting varieties of impatiens. First is the new "Fusion" Impatiens with mounds of delicate blooms in a series of high voltage new colors that keep their shape and color all season. And,



there's no need to remove faded blooms or prune. You'll love all of the color choices - 'fusion heat', 'fusion glow imp', 'peach frost', 'infrared' and 'sunset'. You'll also love the different shape of their blooms!

Next is the "Firefly" series. These mini-bloomed impatiens are bred to flower continuously from early spring until frost. They tolerate full sun through the heat of summer. This compact grower offers a splash of color for any garden size, container or basket.

In Stock Now!

Exotic Tropicals Create Patio Paradise

Tropical plants offer great vibrant colored blooms and lots of them. Palm trees, Hibiscus flowers, Mandevilla vines and sweet smelling Gardenias offer a perfect choice for a patio paradise.

We went to Florida again this year for a truck load of exotic tropicals and we are always impressed with selection of hibiscus. Flower colors include red, yellow, pink, and orange in single or double flowers. We will have hundreds to choose from in bush or tree form.

In addition to the many exotic tropicals, we also carry a wonderful selection of hardy landscape tropicals including hardy Palm trees in several sizes and varieties.



Some Exciting New Plants

My Monet Weigela is a dwarf Weigela with appealing tri-colored foliage and rosy pink spring flowers. Bright, bold variegation in sun or shade. Maintains petite form at 12-18" tall and wide. Great for containers and requires no pruning or maintenance.

Black Lace elderberry has finely cut black foliage and large pink flowers. Adaptable to different soils and easy to grow, its fine texture and lacy look is comparable to that of a Japanese Maple.

Tri Colored Jasmine is a very slow grower. Beautiful green and cream variegated foliage has soft pink new growth. Blooms in summer with strongly scented white blooms.

Hydrangea Lemon Daddy adds extra color to shaded gardens even when it's not blooming. Leaves are a glowing lemon-yellow color causing a shocking contrast to green foliage.

Hydrangea Big Daddy produces incredible 12-14" flower heads in pink or blue. Blooms summer through fall.



Spring Blooming Trees Are What Make Spring

These trees will help you welcome spring with an abundance of color, with branches covered in blooms and the sweet smell of spring. They are the perfect choice for small yards - all growing under 25' tall.

Flowering Crabapples have a variety of bloom and foliage colors. Most produce a beautiful colored berry hanging on well after fall leaves have gone.

Flowering Cherry trees are known for branches draped in large clusters of blooms. From weeping to spreading or upright shapes flowering cheery trees are easy to grow and maintain.

Redbuds are great yard trees. Heart shaped leaves add summer shade to a tree with small pink blooms covering stems in spring.

Dogwoods are one of the most popular spring blooming trees. Ranging in colors of whites and pinks. Slower growing tree making it easy to fit in many places the yard.

Goldenchain trees have large bright yellow blooms hanging from branches. Trees have an upright growth habit.



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via e-mail and see these in color!

Sue Spowhen is our Eugene store manager and has been with Gray's longer than any other member of the staff. Sue became the manager in 2002 after working in the store for many years. She is a true success story and we're all very grateful for her contribution to our growth.



David Green moved to the area from the Midwest after having managed several Earl May Seed & Nursery locations, which are similar to Gray's. David began as the assistant manager and quickly demonstrated his ability to manage our newly remodeled Springfield store. Welcome David!



Clinics

April 27 - Controlling Moles, Gophers & Rodents

April 28 - Steppin' Out With Stepables

May 5 - Orchids - You Can Do It!

May 26 -
New Introductions For Spring Color and Texture

June 2 - Landscape Design For You!

June 9 - Hot For Tropicals

Go to www.graysgardens.com and click on "Events Schedule" for complete details!

Feng Shui Lucky Bamboo

Ever since Feng Shui has become popular, the "Lucky Bamboo" has become the most popular Feng Shui product as it is one of the most sought after Feng Shui symbols. It is said that the Bamboo is luckiest when you receive it as a gift. But who says you can't buy a gift for yourself?



The Bamboo plant is very easy to maintain as well. It is tough and resilient and does not require any direct sunlight and can grow in any room where sunlight is scarce. The plant grows very well indoors. All it needs is water at regular intervals.

Come in and choose from our great selection!

Members get 20% off on "Lucky Bamboo" through April 30th

SPRING SALE Now Thru May 6

Here are just a few examples of the great deals you'll find on the latest plants and decor for your yard!
Sale prices good thru May 6 unless otherwise noted. Not applicable to prior purchases. Limited to available stock.

Big beautiful Begonia bowls by Shirley (our own greenhouse grower) will love
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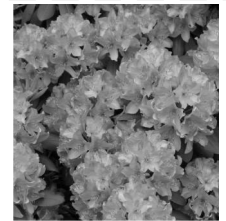
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