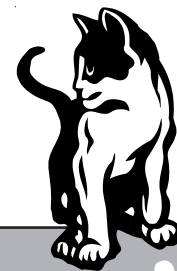




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Growing with Gray's

A Seasonal Gardening Newsletter for the Willamette Valley

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Events At Gray's

The Annual Hunt For The Eggs!
Saturday, March 26 10:00 Eugene 2:00 Springfield
Bring the kids & their baskets for Gray's Garden Centers Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Awesome Orchids!
Saturday, March 26 10:00 Eugene
Love orchids but need help? Briggs Hill will teach you how to care for these beauties. You will learn how to choose orchids for light & temperature requirements. They will also address orchid problems & propagation. Call to pre-register Free.



Hands On Hypertufa
Saturday, April 2 10:00 Eugene 2:00 Springfield
Nikki Helbig-Gray's Garden Centers. What the heck is a hypertufa? Nikki will lead a hands on lesson on these plant friendly containers. You'll receive coupons that will start your planting in your own hypertufa. Call to pre-register Fee \$20.00

Mole & Gopher Clinic
Saturday, April 2 10:00 Eugene 1:00 Springfield
Want to rid your lawn and garden of these pests? Doug Freeman from RCO Inc. will teach you the safest & most effective ways to send these moochers packing! Free



Free Soil Testing
Saturday, April 9 10:00 Eugene 2:00 Springfield
Bring a sample of soil in a plastic bag, & Steve Fung from Pacific Calcium will test it for you and offer suggestions for improvements you can make to get the best results for your lawn & garden. Free
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In order to make it easier for you to use your GPG rewards, we have changed it so that your "gift certificate" is waiting at the store. Now, it doesn't have an expiration, you don't have to carry it and you can use it whenever you want. If you had Frequent Flower Miles in excess of 250 during '04, you now have spendable points! You have \$5 or more credit toward any purchase just waiting for you. And, any purchases you have made this year have been added to that, so now your purchases are cumulative from year to year. We can check your balance for you at any time, or you can refer to the bottom of your receipts for your current balance.
Happy Spring! Enjoy your rewards!

Grays' Announces New Earth Friendly Designation

We have long been recognized as one of the leading retailers of organic soils, fertilizers and remedies in the state of Oregon. What is not as obvious is the volume of natural and *Earth Friendly* products we offer as well. We define as *Earth Friendly*, in addition to organics, those products that exhibit *Earth Friendly* characteristics such as being all natural and/or new generation extreme low toxicity. In order to make it easier for you to shop for solutions without worry, we have designated these products with the *Earth Friendly* logo throughout both stores.



Some Highlights From the Nursery

Bare root fruit trees and berries

Now is the season for planting bare root fruit trees and berries. Bare root adapts to your soil conditions quicker allowing for roots to become established and plants to be growing all spring. Bare root fruit trees are 50% less than potted fruit trees. We offer over 60 varieties of fruit trees. Including apples, crabapples, apricots, cherries, peaches, plums, prunes, pears, asian pears, and nectarines. We now have in 3 varieties of genetic dwarf fruit trees including: golden glory peach, garden annie apricot, and golden prolific nectarine. Growing only 6' these trees still have average size fruit with great flavor. Northpole, golden and scarlet sentinel are columnar apples that grow 10' to 12' high but only 3' to 4' wide. Great for pots or planting along fences. Other fruits and berries with bare root savings include strawberries, raspberries, grapes, blackberries, currants, gooseberries, asparagus, rhubarb and many others.



Roses are in

The roses for 2005 have arrived. We have over 160 varieties to choose from. New for 2005 include: **About Face**-orangey/bronze, **Honey Dijon**-warm golden brown, **Lasting Love**-dusky red, **Lime Sublime**-chartreuse white, **Midnight Blue**-velvet dark purple, **Neptune**-rich lavender kissed purple, **Aromatherapy**-rich pink, **Cabana**-rose pink/light yellow stripes, **Tuscan Sun**-deep apricot orange, **Fragrant Wave**-pure white, **Voluptuous**-deep pink, and many others.



Magnolia blooms

At this time of year the deciduous magnolia blooms well ready to pop into color. With early spring bloom this is a favorite for a small size tree or a large shrub. Commonly mistaken as the tulip tree for its tulip shaped flowers, its blooms have several colors. We have more than 15 varieties to see.
Special offer:
save 25% off any deciduous magnolia.



New Products For Your Lawn And Garden

New Organic Lawn Food!

New Nature's Green Lawn Food from E.B.Stone is the most complete organic lawn food on the market. Not only does it contain a 100% organic analysis 10-1-4, which will green beautifully without burning, it also contains 1.5% humic acid (remember the Soil Activator in our lawn program?) and soil microbes and mycorrhizae! So not only does it feed your lawn, it feeds your soil for a healthier, more disease resistant lawn. Your satisfaction is absolutely guaranteed with this wonderful organic lawn food.

No Lawn Weeds?

Finally, after years of begging and pleading (we don't think they really listened to us, it was their idea) we finally got a lawn pre-emergent *without* some generic fertilizer in it. Hi-Yield just introduced "Turf & Ornamental Weed & Grass Stopper" (T&OW&GS) - not a catchy label but certainly descriptive! What this fantastic new product does is stops weeds and weedy annual grasses from coming up and it even kills annual bluegrass (*Poa annua*) up to four weeks after germination. Annual bluegrass is easily recognized as the lime green grass growing in tight clusters and a little taller than your turf grass. The seed heads appear in March thru August and are easily seen.

T&OW&GS also prevents new crabgrass from coming up along with the broadleaf weeds, so it's very broad spectrum and very effective. One last hint: If you need to overseed, do that first, as T&OW&GS lasts for about four months - most of the growing season.

New, Better Crane Fly Treatment

If you've been using Diazinon or other chemicals to treat for crane fly (or have untreated crane fly infestations), we have a new product that you will love. Like the harsh chemicals, Turf Ranger is very lethal to the crane fly, both European and American, yet it is extremely low toxicity. In fact, it's substantially less toxic than Kill-a-Bug II, which you may recall is safe for children and pets once it's watered in. The active ingredient in Turf Ranger is Deltamethrin, which is a new generation of the pyrethrin family (naturally occurring in plants such as mums). This new generation has a much longer residual in the soil, preventing the crane fly grub from recovering from a less-than-lethal dose. An added bonus is that, unlike Diazinon, Turf Ranger won't kill your earth worms and beneficial microbes! It's highly effective, easy to use, very low toxicity and, of course, it's guaranteed to work.

Gray's Quick Spring Lawn Tips

1) **Always Ad Lime!** According to Grant from Grant's Landscape, adding lime is one of the most critical and overlooked necessities for lawns due to our tendency toward acidity in this area. We carry Calpril which is the fastest acting lime on the market and it's very inexpensive.

2) **It's Time To Fertilize.** You can do this at the same time as you put down your lime and other applications. New Gray's Super Green is a great first application because it has iron (which moss doesn't like) that helps to green without fast growth.

3) **Overseed.** Overseeding is a great and inexpensive way to thicken your lawn for the season.

4) **Apply Turf & Ornamental Weed & Grass Stopper** to keep weeds and crabgrass from coming up in your lawn. It's so much easier than killing weeds!

5) **Treat For Cranefly Now.** Now is the time to kill the grubs before they do the damage. New Turf Ranger is the most effective product on the market and it's extremely safe.

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What To Do In March and April

- If lawns are becoming thin and sickly, consider overseeding with a mixture of perennial ryegrass and fine fescue such as Gray's sun and shade blend.
- Bait for slugs; iron phosphate baits are available that are safe for use around pets. Clean up hiding places for slugs, sowbugs, and millipedes.
- Prune and shape or thin spring-blooming shrubs and trees after blossoms fade.
- Control rose diseases such as black spot and powdery mildew. Remove infected leaves. Spray as necessary with registered fungicide or try new 'Messenger'. Prune ornamentals for air circulation and to help prevent fungus diseases.
- Prepare garden soil for spring planting. Incorporate generous amounts of organic materials such as E.B. Stone Organic Compost.
- Plant and monitor strawberries for bugs and aphids; treat with neem oil if present.
- Cut and remove weeds near the garden and put down first application of pre-emergent weed control. We like American "Weed & Grass Stopper".
- Prepare raised beds in areas where cold soils and poor drainage are a continuing problem. Add generous amounts of organic compost.
- Trap moles and gophers as new mounds appear. Our staff can show you how easy it is with the 'Out-O-Sight' traps. No digging or seeing dead moles.
- Fertilize rhododendrons and azaleas with Gray's Pro Ornamental Fertilizer; remove spent blossoms.
- Fertilize roses and control rose diseases such as mildew with new 'Messenger' and 'Soil Soup' compost tea.
- Divide hosta, daylilies, and mums, and bring stored plants out of storage.
- If you lack in-ground gardening space, plan a container garden: grow radishes, carrots, lettuce, and tomatoes during the warm season.
- Fertilize evergreen shrubs and trees.
- Protect new plant growth from slugs. Use bait or traps.
- Fertilize your lawn with Gray's Super Green and be sure to put down Calpril lime.
- Apply commercial fertilizers, manure, or compost to cane, bush (gooseberries, currants, and blueberries), and trailing berries.
- Plant broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, chard, chives, endive, leeks, lettuce, peas, radishes, rhubarb, rutabagas, spinach, turnips.

Source: OSU Extension and Gray's Staff Recommendations

March Feeding Schedule

Group	Synthetic Food	Organic Food
Evergreen Shrubs & Trees	Gray's Tree & Shrub 20-12-8	EB Stone All Purpose 5-5-5 w/mycorrhizae
Azaleas/Camelias/Rhodies	Gray's Tree & Shrub 20-12-8	EB Stone Camelia, Azalea, Rhodie 5-5-3 w/mycorrhizae
Cane berries, Gooseberries, Currants	Gray's Tree & Shrub 20-12-8	EB Stone All Purpose 5-5-5 w/mycorrhizae
Bulbs	Master Nursery Bulb Food 5-10-5	EB Stone Bone Meal or Bulb Food 4-6-4
Lawns	Gray's Premium or Gray's Super Green	Nature's Green 10-1-4 or Nature's Intent 9-3-4

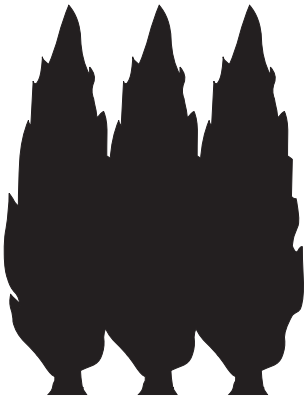
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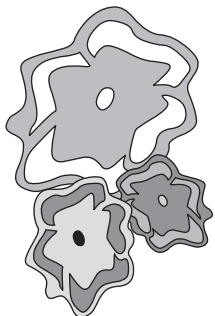
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