

GET GROWING!

Groth's Gardens and Greenhouses Newsletter ❀ April 2015

Open for the Season April 17!



The plants are looking great due to our warm, sunny March and early April. We grow almost all the plants we offer in our own greenhouses here on the farm. As always we have plenty of the new and unusual as well as the tried and true. Our greenhouses are brimming with perennials, annuals and hanging baskets. Shrubs, roses and tropicals will arrive by May 1st. Expect to be greeted by over 1000 different plant varieties and Groth's friendly staff who look forward to helping you have your best gardening season ever!

Spring is in full swing at Groth's Gardens & Greenhouses!



Tips for Early Season Planting

Plant perennials, shrubs and roses after soil has dried to the touch and crumbles easily when formed into a ball and dropped to the ground. "Mudding in" plants compacts the soil, causing stunted plants due to lack of aeration to the roots. Roots need air space and proper drainage to take up nutrients from the soil and applied fertilizer.

Now is a good time to apply a balanced slow release fertilizer to perennials, shrubs and roses. We like 10-10-10, but any balanced slow release fertilizer will work. Your plants will show their appreciation with a spectacular show of blooms and healthy foliage. Strong, healthy plants resist insects and disease much better than weak, stressed plants.

Wait to apply mulch until the soil has warmed—usually by mid-May. The purpose of mulch is to retain moisture and keep the soil cool—mulching too early can result in root rots and disease, particularly in heat loving plants such as coneflowers, ornamental grasses, butterfly bushes and hardy hibiscus. We want our plants to start out in warm soil that has the ability to dry out from cool, spring rains. Save the mulch until plants are established and growing aggressively in mid to late spring.

Plant annual containers when it would be warm enough to plant them in the ground—usually by mid May. Annuals require a steady rate of growth for peak performance. Cool, soggy roots check growth and can lead to root diseases.

Too cool or wet to plant? Keep plants in a protected area outdoors where they can receive morning sun. Water when soil starts to dry to the touch. If temps drop below 40 degrees they should be moved to an indoor location. Coleus, impatiens and other tropical plants need nighttime temps to remain in the 50s for healthy growth.

Heat loving perennials can be slow to emerge—hardy hibiscus, butterfly bushes, ornamental grasses and coneflowers need consistently warm temperatures to break dormancy.

When purchasing roses select those grown on their own root as they will be much hardier and will still bloom profusely even after severe "dieback" from a hard winter.



Come out and reserve your hanging baskets and let us take care of them until Mother's Day!

We've grown over 50 different combinations and monoculture baskets in 10", 12" and 14" baskets for sun and shade. We suggest repotting 10" baskets into a 14" pot for ease of watering and keeping the plants in top condition during the hot summer months.

Bring us Your Pots and Planters!

We can design and plant your pots for your decks, steps, patios and special events.



Over a Dozen Hardy Hydrangea Varieties Available by May 1st

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April 17-19, 2015 only

**Huge selection of fairy garden accessories and plants!
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