

Timely Turf Tips

May 2012

This weather is for the birds! Step outside - it's 35° or 85° and birdsong fills the air. The migration is definitely peaking, and more birds are on the way! Baltimore Orioles are just starting to arrive from their over-wintering grounds in Central America. That flight takes an incredible amount of energy and they will be hungry and thirsty. Do you have what it takes to attract these beautiful birds? Click on this link to find out: <http://tinyurl.com/85wkmev>. Right behind them are our ruby-throated hummingbirds. What better way to celebrate Mother's Day than to present mom with a new bird bath or feeder? Take advantage of our coupon below to help welcome these neotropical migrants back to Minnesota!

Turf Talk

- Spray Weed Free Zone or Speedzone on creeping charlie, clover, dandelions and thistle now! Both products become rain-fast in 4 hrs and allow for reseeding within 2 weeks of application.
- There's still time to prevent crabgrass and other annual weeds by applying a pre-emergence Dimension herbicide to your lawn now. Water it into the soil soon after you spread it. It's too early to address crabgrass escapes this month so look for more information in our June issue.
- No crabgrass to treat? Fertilize your lawn mid to late May with our own 25-0-15 fertilizer! One 40# bag covers 10,000 square feet. See coupon below!
- Raise your mower blades to 3" or more and cut no more than 1/3 of the height of the lawn. This will reduce stress and inhibit weed growth.
- Treat for grub control mid-May. This includes Japanese beetles!
- No one does turf better than us! Stop in for free advice and more lawn tips.



The Vegetable Garden

- If you haven't done so, add any amendments (compost and aged manure is generally added 2 to 3 weeks before planting) and/or fertilizer recommended by your soil test results to your vegetable garden. Turn the soil by hand or rototiller. Never rototill your garden when the ground is wet. It should be moist enough to squeeze into a ball but still crumble with very light pressure.
- Plant parsley, head lettuce, cauliflower, early cabbage, kale and onion plants in the garden now.
- Start muskmelons, pumpkins, and winter squash indoors early this month.
- Thin radishes, lettuce, spinach to the strongest plant and give the developing seedlings room to grow. Many times on the seed packet you will see something like 'sow seeds 1/4 inch apart and thin to 2 inches apart after the first true leaves appear'. Read your seed packet.

New product spotlight

BBQ Grilling Pellets are all natural wood pellets that are added to your charcoal grill, gas grill, smoker or pellet grill to give your food that ultimate barbecue taste. Environmentally safe, these small, 1 inch long, 1/4 inch diameter pellets are made from high quality hard wood such as oak and hickory. Flavors include cherry, maple, hickory and a hickory blend. Barbecue like a professional on the first day!

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