

# Timely Turf Tips

## June 2015

**Boy, the May rains really have plants growing now.** Before they become too large, consider checking out the assortment of plant supports available at the mill. Our big sellers are 14x42", 16x54", 18x54" and an extra-large 22x54" heavy duty tomato cage. They are made by Glamos Wire Products right here in Hugo. Save some money by using the coupon below.

### June garden tips:

Did you run out of room in your garden or straw bale garden for all your favorite peppers and tomatoes? Maybe you think that you don't have space for a few pepper and tomato plants. We have a solution for you. Peppers and tomatoes do well in pots. We have a variety of pots- 12", 14", self-watering, Smart Pots and raised fabric beds. Hugo Feed Mill and Hardware also carries everything you'll need to keep your garden growing this summer, from fertilizer to watering cans. See coupon below for your free pepper picked out by Steve (a.k.a. Dr. Pepper) and don't forget the pots to grow them in. Check out this link for ideas on how to grow plants in the Smart Pots:

<http://www.smartpots.com/>.

If you are growing strawberries, stop in for netting to protect them from the hungry birds.

The recent rains have made it easier to pull young weeds. Stay ahead of the problem by removing them before they become more established. Consider using organic mulch (2-4") later in the month after soil temps have increased to keep weeds out and help retain moisture.



**Smart Pot**

All tomato and pepper plants can be planted now. If tomato plants are leggy, just plant them deeper to encourage rooting along the stem. Remember to stake or cage tomatoes after planting before they become too large.

Rhubarb can be picked up to the end of the month. Remember to remove any flower stalks.

Consider fertilizing roses later this month, after the first wave of blossoms, with a complete low nitrogen fertilizer (1 T per plant.)

### June lawn tips:

Remember to fertilize your lawn with an application of 25-0-15 fertilizer, now improved with 50% slow-release nitrogen, before mid-June if you have not applied any fertilizer this spring.

Spray Weed Free Zone or Speedzone on creeping Charlie, clover, dandelions, and thistle now before temperatures increase. Both products become rain-fast in 4 hours and allow reseeding within 2 weeks of application.

Later this month, raise the mowing height on the lawnmower to 2.5" or more as temperatures rise to promote deeper rooting, which should help the lawn become more resistant to stress.

Did you provide a nectar feeder for hummingbirds or orioles? Remember to change the nectar more often as the temperature increases. If temp is over 80°, clean and refill every 3-4 days. Cloudiness means spoilage; flush the feeder with hot water from the faucet. Stay away from soap if possible. Consider using a bottle brush. Disinfect monthly with a solution of ¼ c bleach to 1 gal of water. Soak feeder in bleach solution 1 hour, clean with brush, and rinse with tap water and fill with new sugar solution.

### Enter the "Largest Pumpkin" contest

Have you ever wanted to win a largest pumpkin contest? If so, then stop in and purchase your Monster Pumpkin plants for Hugo Feed Mill's pumpkin growing contest. The plants will arrive at the greenhouse this Saturday, June 6. You could win 1<sup>st</sup> place and receive a \$50 gift certificate. Don't miss out on this fun opportunity as supplies are limited.

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**All in stock Glamos Wire plant supports**

(Maximum value: \$20)

1 coupon per customer. Expires 6/30/15

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**Free Pepper**

**Chosen by Steve with any plant purchase**

(While supply lasts)

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