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# Weekly Specials July 15-July 21st 2019

#### 20% off:

- Hosta, Fern, and Dianthus
- Small Fruits and

Fruit Trees

All

Wall

Art

Grub

Beater,

Grub

Killer

Plus,

and

Milky

Spore

#### 50% off:

- Pre-Potted
  - Veggies
- Annuals,

Water

Plants.

and

**Tropicals** 

Bulk

Flower

and

Veggie

Seed

Sales do not apply toward previously purchased plant material.

### **What's New**

With this heat its hard to think about a fall planting of the cool weather loving cole crops, but Cindy wants to remind us it is almost time!

Seedlings are up and looking good. Availability is limited and based off



Katarina and Golden Cross **Spinach:**Bloomsdale

growth rate, so please call if you are looking for something in particular.

#### **Broccoli:**

Thunderdome, Goliath, Green Magic, and Castle Dome

#### **Brussels Sprouts:**

Long Island, and Jade Cross

#### Kohlrabi:

Kossak, Early White, and Winner

#### Peas:

Little Crunch and Tom Thumb

Cabbage:

Crops such as Broccoli, Kohlrabi, Cabbage, Beets, and Brussels Sprouts should be planted earlier to ensure they can set produce prior to our frost dates. Depending on the variety, the days to maturity for Brussels Sprouts and Broccoli can be 80-90 days. Beets and Cabbage may range in the 50-60 days.

Leafy plants such as Kale, Spinach, and Lettuce can be delayed as they traditionally come to maturity within 45-55 days.

Prefer to start your own plants? **Bulk seeds are available and 50%** off!



## Can I Spray in the Heat?

Our area of lowa is in a tough place currently. We are being attacked by the

Japanese Beetle and the

products we use to control shouldn't be sprayed in extreme heat.

#### What to do:

#### 1. Read

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#### 2. Understand

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to gas. This is а big deal! As it turns to а gas your are more likely to inhale these products causing serious injury to you and the vapor drift may harm your other plants. 3. Beware of oil sprays. The oils stick to the plant

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see the damage occurring right in front of us, we may have to decide which is the lesser of the evils. The damage the Beetles do is typically superficial although unsightly. As long as your plant material is healthy and has good vigor, they will not

be affected the next year. Where as the damage a chemical may do could be detrimental.

### **Proper Watering in Extreme Heat**

If you have spoken with me about watering, you will here me say, "A deep watering less often is best."

We suggest putting your hose on half speed and laying it at the base of the tree or shrub. For shrubs, soak for roughly three minutes. Trees have a deeper rootball and the amount of time should go up to five minutes per tree. Perennials can vary a bit more than trees and shrubs, but a minute should be a safe number.

You cannot rely on irrigation to properly water trees and shrubs. The base of the rootball is deeper than the turf grass root system. Proper watering will soak to the bottom of the root ball and then be allowed to dry for a few days and then repeat. We want to have a bit of dry time so the tree or shrub learns to search for water on its own. This will help your plant material and your stress level long term.

Remain flexible! It is possible to over water during the heat of the summer. Always **check your soil** 3" deep prior to watering. If the leaves are yellowing, you may be over watering. Hold off for the day and check again the next.

Unsure for your specific plant? Don't hesitate to reach out, we would be happy to help.

## Time to attack grubs!!!

This week: 20% off Grub Beater, Grub Killer Plus, and Milky Spore.





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