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Pansies and Violas are a very welcome sign of spring.

Annual Pansies prefer night temperatures in the 40's and daytime temperatures in the 50 and 60's making them the first bloom of spring.

Fix-N-Grow Inoculant

Many of you already know the secret of inoculant in the soil, but for those of you who don't, this article is worth the read. Nitrogen is important for both humans

and plants. For the purpose of our gardening emailer, we will quickly focus on the accessible edible sources for humans and then move on to the importance of Nitrogen for plants.

In humans, Nitrogen is vital for the production of proteins. Some of the best edible sources for humans are lettuce, radishes, spinach, and rhubarb. Dairy and meat products also contain nitrogen, but not at the amounts that the vegetables do.

Now for the plants; why do they need it and where do they get it? Nitrogen helps plants photosynthesize. Photosynthesis is a process that involves using energy from the sun to break down water and carbon dioxide. That breakdown then creates the sugar that feeds the plants. We view Nitrogen as a way to green up a plant. When a plant has used all of the Nitrogen available you will often see a yellowing or pale color to the leaves.

Plants absorb Nitrogen through their roots. That's where inoculation comes in. Inoculation helps certain plants, namely legumes, to fix nitrogen in the ground where it can be accessed more readily. Our Fix-N-Grow Granular Legume Inoculant treats a 40 foot row for \$3.99. You will sprinkle the natural beneficial soil bacteria to safely and naturally amend the soil. The bacteria helps take the Nitrogen in the soil and deliver it to the plant.



Chomping at the Bit for Cole Crops?



Calling all cole crop lovers!



Olympia Spinach



Lettuce bowls are up and growing!

Our cole crops are close to ready! This next week of warm temperatures should help them put on the needed growth to start heading out.

As of Friday March 27th, 2020 we are still open for business. We have plenty of square feet to shop and keep your distance. We will limit the amount of people in the store if we get to that point. So far we have not reached our limit.

Don't forget we are also offering curbside pick-up. We are happy to shop for you, charge a card over the phone, and deliver to your vehicle. We can email or text pictures to check sizing. Please call 319 851 2161 for more details.

A list of our cole crops:

- * Broccoli
- * Brussels Sprouts
- * Cabbage
- * Cauliflower
- * Spinach
- * Swiss Chard
- * Kale
- * Kohlrabi
- * Lettuce
- * Celery

Bulk seed and packets are available.



Potatoes, Onions, Garlic and Shallots

Spring Veggies

Scheduled to ship April 6th.

Potatoes currently in stock:

LaSota, Norland, Red Pontiac, Kennebec and Yukon Gold are in stock.

Asparagus

'Mary Washington' and 'Jersey Knight' roots are in! Second year roots should be planted this year and harvested the next for best production. 'Jersey Knight' is said to produce for over 20 years.

New this year, Asparagus seed!

Hello Beautiful! New Pottery Has Arrived!





More images will be coming!



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