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Monday-Friday 9:00-7:00

Saturday 9:00-5:00

Sunday 11:00-4:00

Holy Holy Holes in Hosta

Have you noticed holes in your Hosta leaves? It could be slugs. These sneaky little critters enjoy a late evening feed on any number of plants, but Hosta is a favorite. Slug Magic is an iron phosphate bait. When ingested, the slugs immediately stop feeding. They will become less mobile and die within three to six days.

Slug Magic is safe to be used around fruits, vegetables, and ornamental plants. One level teaspoon will treat one square yard. Slugs prefer to reside in moist shady areas. Slug Magic works best with a moist not soaking soil. Reapply every two weeks to keep new populations knocked back.

Approved as safe for pets and other wildlife.



Hosta Nematode Damage

Nematode damage is typically evident later in our growing season, so mark your calendars for July to begin inspection. Nematodes require moisture to infect; they live within the plant; and they are thought to overwinter in the crown (University of Illinois Extension). The nematodes require water to move in and out of the leaves. They then splash from leaf to leaf with rain or overhead irrigation.

Prevention is your best protection. Always inspect plants prior to purchasing from a reputable source.



Maple Tree Madness

We have had numerous customers with varying ages of Maples coming in with concerns. A few have been excessive moisture. While others were fungal problems related to our cool wet spring. The leaf on the left is showing symptoms specific to Tar Spot. The leaf on the right is showing Anthracnose problems.

Tar Spot:

The tar-like spot is a fruiting structure of the fungus. The fungus overwinters in fallen debris. In the spring, mature spores of the fungus are released and blown by wind to newly emerging leaves. Raking up infected debris at the end of the season is the best way to contain the spread of the fungus. Once your tree has been infected you

cannot repair the leaves for the current season. Thankfully this fungus is not detrimental to the tree although some early leaf drop may occur. The following year you may spray in the spring at time of bud break with Mancozeb to prevent symptoms. Make two treatments at two week intervals.



Anthracnose:

This fungus is commonly found on Sycamore and Maple Trees. Anthracnose looks intense, but damage caused by Anthracnose is minimal and does not seriously harm established shade trees. Symptoms vary from small, circular to irregular spots that are tan, dark brown, or black, to larger blotches that are usually associated with midribs and veins (Iowa State Extension website).

Anthracnose infections may occur on Sycamore, Ash, Maple, Oak, Walnut, Linden, Hickory and other broad-leaved trees.



Sales:

- Flower and Vegetable Seed Packets and Bulk Seed: 50% off (excludes grass seed)
- Eggplant: Buy One Get One Free
- Remaining Peppers and Tomatoes: Free

Pugster Butterfly Bush

It's no exaggeration. The butterflies do **love** butterfly bushes. The non-stop bloom starting in the summer lasting through fall. Proven Winners is proud to say their introduction comes with greater winter hardiness. We always suggest adding a nice layer of mulch and keep it away from north winds. Incredible scent, long lasting flowers, and drought tolerance continue to make this beauty a fan favorite.

Pugster is a great way to get full sizes blooms on a pint sized plant. Standing 2' tall and 2' wide you can tuck this baby in and enjoy it all season long.

As with any zone 5, be sure to leave the tops on over the winter and do a mid-late April pruning.



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