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Early Bird Specials April 20th - May 1st

All perennials 20% off

All Pottery 20% off

Previously purchased material does not qualify.

Last years nursery stock remains 50% off.

Guarantee does not apply.

Curbside Pick-Up Orders

In an effort to streamline the process, we have created an email account where you can submit your curbside orders:

crgcorder@gmail.com

What we need:

Your name

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Detailed list of desired plants/material:

Name of plant, Quantity of plant

(4 pack vs. single)

Color of the bloom (gold vs. butter yellow)

Desired pick-up date and time

Are substitutions allowed or not allowed.

What type and color of vehicle will be picking up the order?

May we text or email your receipt? If yes, which one?

Please DO NOT simply show up for your order without hearing back from us. We need to confirm your pick-up time.

A few notes from us:

- * We do not have lists of plants we can send you. We do not have the technology to support this system.
- * Inventory shifts too quickly to email a list. We are happy to radio to have staff check on availability in real time (phone call).
- * Expect a phone call to discuss any questions that

arise.

- * Our growers run out of plant material, we cannot guarantee all material will be in. When we say we always try to get desired plants in, we mean it!
- * Trees, shrubs, and perennials will be in stock late April. We always set our ship dates for the end of April to protect them from the bulk of the cold weather. This is not due to Covid-19.
- * We are doing our very best to accommodate all customers. Please be patient as we are working through phone orders, in person orders, and email orders. We are up for the challenge and are excited to see lots of color blooming in the houses.

Thank you for supporting our industry during this unprecedented time. We are thankful to be able to keep our doors open to the public and hope you will do everything possible to practice social distancing.

Tulip Troubles

For the second year in a row, my Tulips were a **dud** this year.

We had beautiful healthy green leaves,



but no blooms. They have been in the ground for three years. Are my bulbs aged out? Too much shade? Turns out, there are multiple

reason spring bulbs may only leaf out.

Pests:

There are multiple culprits who might enjoy a tasty bulb for breakfast. If they eat enough of the bulb, the plant might have enough energy to leaf, but not to bloom. According to the University of Illinois Extension field mice are one of the worst for sneaking a taste of the Tulips.

Improper cooling time:

This one doesn't apply to my bulbs, but if you had dug your bulbs to move them to another location it could be your issue. A tulip bulb needs to go through 12-16 weeks of chilling weeks. So, if you dug them and didn't get them replanted until the spring they will not have had enough cold weather to bloom.

Improper Care:

You may be tempted to cut off the dying leaves when they start to turn brown, but your bulbs will thank you to let them die back naturally and then remove them. Those leaves are feeding your bulbs to provide enough energy to bloom next year.

Improper planting depth or sunlight:

A tulip bulb naturally contains enough energy to help the leaves push up through a certain depth of soil. If they are having to work their way up through more than they prefer the energy that would have been used for blooming must go to the leaves to break ground.

Our sun gives plants the strength to bloom. If we start taking a full sun plant and give it too much shade one of the first things to be affected will be the bloom power.

Tulip Fun Facts:

- * In 17th-century Holland, the new tulip was such the rage and fashion that a handful of bulbs was worth about \$44,000.
 - * If you dig up a tulip bulb in midsummer, it's not the same bulb you planted last fall. It's her daughter. Even while the tulip is blossoming, the bulb is dividing for the next generation.
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Tulip : Hyacinth : Daffodil : Blue Muscari : Narcissus

Our sprouted bulb collection is in! They have been properly chilled and will provide color for you yet this season.

The Year of the Lantana

The National Garden Bureau has selected the Lantana as the 2020 'year of' annual. These plants are adored by butterflies, bees and hummingbirds for many reasons: sweet nectar, bright color, and the overall flower form.

Lantana grows in a multitude of colors including; pink with yellow, all yellow, red with orange and yellow.... the shades vary within those color combos as well. Lantana camara will be a more mounded form where the Lantana sellowiana will have a more widespread or trailing habit.

Be sure to give this plant a good look when dreaming of your annual containers!



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April To-Do:



- Cut all last years plant debris down to 4" including perennial grasses
- Fertilize your trees, shrubs, and perennial
- Give your

broadleaf
evergreens
and
other
evergreens
a
good
shot
of
acidic
fertilizer

- Apply
your
systemic
insect
control
to
NON-
BLOOMING
trees
- Trim
Hydrangea
paniculata,
Roses,
Ninebarks,
and
many
other
woody
shrubs
- Protect
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