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# New Hours

## Starting Monday April 6th, 2020

Monday-Saturday 9:00-5:00

Closed Easter Sunday

Following Sunday 10:00-4:00

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## Plan Ahead for Crabgrass Prevention



*A pesky patch of Crabgrass.*

Crabgrass is best beat before it emerges. Soon enough our soil temperatures should be right around 55 degrees. You can check your county soil temperatures through Iowa State's Website:

<http://extension.agron.iastate.edu/NPKnowledge/soiltemphistory.html>

One wives tale to help with timing is said to be when the Forsythia start blooming you can apply your preventer.

We carry Max Lawn Crabgrass Preventer.

The cost is \$15.99 and covers 5,000 square feet. The product prevents emergence of Crabgrass and other listed weeds for 4 weeks. It will also act as a post-emergent for very immature crabgrass plants. They must be three leaves

or younger. You should resist mowing your lawn after application for up to three days. Do not use your grass clips as mulch material if you have used this or another chemical on your lawn. Keep your pets and children off the treated area until the dust has settled.

Added bonus: This product also contains nitrogen to give your lawn the spring boost it requires. 22-0-4

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## Prefer to use Organic Products?

We ramped up our efforts to provide more organic solutions for your yard.

We offer:

Corn Gluten Weed Preventer with Food  
Dr. Earth Tomato, Veggie, and Herb Food  
Milky Spore - grub control  
Greensand  
Alfafa Meal  
Coop Poop  
Espoma Lawn Fertilizer  
Central Iowa Organic Earthworm Castings





## Shall We Plant Shallots?

Shallots are a part of the onion family, but with a slightly milder taste. Shallot forms clusters of bulbs (just like garlic) which arise from the same root system. As long as they are planted in a well-drained area with little weed competition you should have great success. Shallots can be planted as early as 2-3 weeks prior to our last frost date.

Plant your bulbs 6" apart and cover with mulch to help with weed suppression.

They should never be allowed to flower as that takes away the energy away from the bulbs. Feed your bulbs with a high phosphorus low nitrogen fertilizer.

Low nitrogen means you won't be pushing much green growth and the phosphorus helps the bulbs form. Harvest takes place 3 to 6 months after planting, when green parts of the plant dry out .

Fun Fact: Like other types of onions, shallot releases allyl sulfide (gas) during the slicing. This substance reacts with the moisture from the air and creates sulfuric acid which irritates eyes and leads to the formation of tears.

**Onions, Garlic, and Shallots will be arriving this week! Watch our Facebook for more information.**

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## Kokedama Kits

Need something to do at home? Try your hand at Kokedama. Kokedama translates to "moss ball" in English. This Japanese tradition is centuries old and makes a pretty cool container for succulents. The natural elements are super on trend and a create way to get creative. Kokedama encapsulates the Japanese aesthetic of Wabi-sabi. Wabi-sabi is an appreciation of the imperfections of nature and the transience of natural beauty (<https://www.twined.com.au/2018/11/01/the-history-of-kokedama/>). The characteristics of Wabi-sabi include simplicity, warmth, earthiness, irregularity, roughness, naturality, acceptance and observation.

The kit includes: (\$26.99)

6" Sphagnum Kokedama

Coffee Spanish Moss

Mint Reindeer Moss

Succulent Soil

Jute Twine

and a hanging chain

The ball you plant into does not come with a plastic liner. You will want to plant with succulents that requires little water.

Available for curbside contactless pick-up. We can send pictures of the plant material and show them to you prior to any charges. We want you be sure you love what you are purchasing.

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**We are still looking for landscape crew help! Please go to our website to fill out the application.**

**[CedarRiverGardenCenter.com](http://CedarRiverGardenCenter.com)**

- Must be 16 years old or older

\*Equipment experience not necessary

- Monday-Friday only, no weekend hours



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