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## Friday Night Temperatures

It wouldn't be Iowa if we didn't have a solid week of incredibly beautiful weather followed by a good frost warning. So friends, we ask you to prepare your yard and protect your annuals, tomatoes, and peppers! It's going to be a low of 30 degrees on Friday evening. The bulk of your existing perennials such as Peonies and Hosta will be just fine. If you do have other perennials getting ready to bloom there would be no shame in throwing a sheet over them to save their color.

We cannot guarantee annuals, perennials, or veggies and don't want you to have to re-purchase your plants, so PLEASE baby those babies!

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## Have a Pond? Don't Forget These Cuties

True or false: A Canna can be planted as a water plant? True! Cannas can be planted directly in soil (weighted down) with the container resting on a ledge in your pond or planted directly into the ground on the edge of a pond.

The CannaSol™ family has hybridized Cannas to produce large flowers, self-cleaning plants, and a more compact growth habit. Most of the plants range in the 22-24" area for height.

Specifically for your pond needs, we carry:

- 'Happy Isabel'
- 'Happy Julia'
- 'Happy Cleo'
- 'Happy Carmen'



'Happy Carmen' picture credit: Degroot Wholesale



'Happy Cleo'



'Happy Isabel' picture credit: parkseed



'Happy Julia' picture credit: American Meadows



## Curbside Orders Have Stopped

We have made the tough decision to stop curbside orders. In the beginning, we decided to implement curbside for our customers who were self isolating. As the season progressed we noticed two things. One, we would have pulled a full order and then customers would want to browse on their own anyway, causing confusion for plant totals and designs.

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Secondly, we always want to put our best selves forward for our customers. As our season picked up and our inventory went down, we were not able to fill the orders that were being requested. We do not have the space to pull individual items for customers as they come in so many orders would be missing a few pieces. Even when "no subs" was selected on the form, we understand why not getting all of our items would be frustrating... we have our favorite plants too.

Due to this problem, we have ended this process.

We are glad we were able to fill many many orders and allowed customers to stay safely in their vehicles. We hope our little bit helped to fill your veggie gardens and spice up your yard with color!

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### Mother's Day is just around the corner!

We had a whirlwind of a weekend last weekend. Our inventory for plant material was lowing heading in to Monday. We will have 12 trucks refresh us by the end of the week!

With Mother's Day weekend, comes many excited families. We welcome families to come out and enjoy the outdoors together. We will continue the same process as the previous weeks. As the number of customers in the store increases, we will be limiting the amount in at one time. The line will go quick, and we hope you enjoy yourselves once you are inside.

We have noticed everyone decides to checkout at one time. To help you keep your distance if you see the check out line is long, perhaps head for another lap rather than buildup on top of one another. As always, mind the X's on the floor.

Masks are appreciated, but we understand not all customers have access to one.



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Plant Highlight



## Angels Trumpet

The 60" tall deer-resistant plant is adorned with huge, fragrant, flowers that open creamy white (occasionally with a yellow blush), then finish with a light peach blush. The flowers dangle from the branches in midsummer and again in late summer. AMAZING! Plant it in a pot so you can enjoy this lovely plant year round. Zone: 8-11.

Full to part sun

If you place it inside near an area with a cold draft, you run the risk of losing leaves.

**ALL PARTS OF THIS PLANT ARE POISONOUS!**

We do not suggest this plant if you have pets or kids who are curious.



## Grappling With Grapes

Are you struggling getting your grapes to produce?

The first major issue is probably you. I say that with love, but the reality is that grapes can be picky about how they are pruned. The ability to fruit varies by varieties, that is why some grape varieties are pruned with spurs and some pruned with canes.

The buds on variety like 'Crimson', initiate flower clusters from the 4th bud onwards (count from the stem out). If you prune the dormant cane back to 2 or 3 buds, you remove the most fruitful part of the cane where most of the grapes are (<http://www.my-grape-vine.com/blog/no-grapes-on-my-grape-vine/>). Long

story short, we would need to know your specific variety to be sure we are giving you good pruning advice.

Other factors for poor fruiting, excessive Nitrogen fertilizer. When too much green growth is pushed two things happen. First, your vine will say it doesn't need to reproduce because it is already growing so happily. The vine will then shed its blossoms to give strength to the leaf growth.

The other negative repercussion to the excessive growth is too much inner shade reducing the power for the plant to rebloom.

Lastly, disease and insects can create a multitude of issues. Powdery mildew, rust mites, and botrytis can attack the blooms causing your flowers to abort.



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