



2009 Summer Newsletter

The long days of summer are upon us. At this time of the year we will spend many hours out in the garden. Whether you are a new gardener or an expert wanting to expand your flowerbeds, Parkland Garden Centre has what you need. Come visit us for all your plants, garden accessories, statuary and much more!

What's Bugging My Plants?

Environmental stresses adversely affect plant growth much more frequently than insects or diseases do. Most commonly the problem is improper exposure - a shade-loving plant placed in full sun, poor watering practices, poor quality water, high soil pH, poor drainage, too much or too little fertilizer, competition from other plants, over winter stress, frost damage, transplant shock, or herbicide spray drift damage. If the bug is big enough to chew holes in the leaves, then it will also be big enough to see. If you can't find any, they've probably moved elsewhere or they've changed to their next life stage, as insects do. If insects are found, bring us a sample in a bag or jar, and we will be happy to identify it and recommend the best course of action. We always recommend that you look for patterns to the problem – is it just on one branch or the whole tree? Is it lower down on the plant or only at the top? Is it just on one side of the tree? Is it only on the inside portions of the tree, or just on the outside tips? Is it all on a few trees in one portion of the row or randomly in the row? Is it all in one end of the garden? Is it just in the shade? Or sun? Answers to any one or more of these patterns will generally point at the cause.

Our goal is to help you find the right answer to your problems and to prescribe the most environmentally friendly remedy available. We carry many solutions to what ails your plants. Come in to the Information Centre and consult with our experts – you might be surprised at how easy the solutions to your problems are!

Ensure Success with Your Annual Container:

1. Water thoroughly and avoid allowing your container gardens to wilt between watering.
2. Apply SMARTCOTE time-release fertilizer – feeds for over 90 days – use according to manufacturer's recommendations.
3. Remove faded flowers and trim vines and cascading plants as needed to keep your container looking fresh.



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Starter Perennial

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New Items at Parkland Garden Shop!

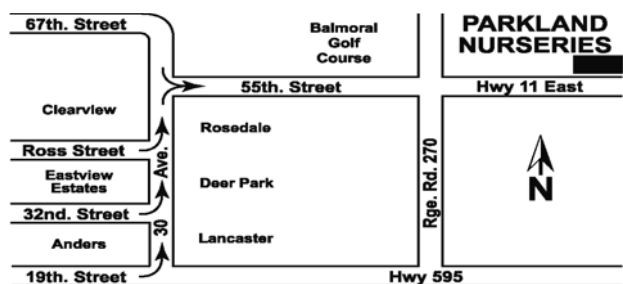
- Crabtree and Evelyn: new line of innovative remedies and home comforts using best of science and time-tested natural ingredients to deliver sensuous experiences and a feeling of well being.
- Passion Jewelry/Purses: Contemporary in bright colors; jewelry is metal in necklaces, earrings and bracelets.
- Weatherland Wind Chimes: Relax your spirit as the wind blows; have outstanding tone and resonance
- Salt Lamps: Himalayan all natural and hand-crafted, sculptured shapes; create a tranquil, relaxing, serene atmosphere. Help reduce fatigue and aids in improving your concentration, helps keep air around you clean, ionized naturally
- Art in Motion: framed prints
- Canadian made pendants from Glacier Pearl and Canadian Jade
- Outdoor Wall Art
- Copper Birdfeeders, Rain chains, Weathervanes

Reasons People Give for Food Gardening

1. Better tasting
2. Save money
3. Safe food
4. To be productive, self-reliant
5. Good reason to spend time outdoors
6. To get back to basics
7. To share with others
8. To live more locally
9. Family activity

10 Neat Things About Edible Container Gardening

1. Vegetables – seed companies have developed some varieties nicely suited to container growing
2. Carrots – Little Finger is a Nantes carrot (sweet and cylindrically shaped rather than tapered) that grows to only three inches long. “Thumbelina” carrots are the size and shape of golf balls.
3. Lettuce – Lettuce is not deep-rooted, so you can grow it in just about any container.
4. Beans – Look for high-yield bush types, like “Heavyweight”.
5. Corn – You can grow dwarf varieties like “Golden Bantam” in a larger container. Plant at least three per container for best pollination and feed heavily.
6. Cucumber – Choose a wide, deep container – at least 24” wide and 18” deep – and bush varieties. Always harvest mature cucumbers to keep the plant producing.
7. Onions – Bunching onions are easiest to grow in containers. Onions take plenty of water, but as a root vegetable, drainage is particularly important.
8. Pumpkins – There are some tiny-fruit ornamentals, but for eating, try “Neon” in a big, five-gallon tub.
9. Cantaloupe – “Minnesota Midget” is the melon of choice amongst experienced container growers. The fruits are about four inches in diameter and can be harvested in 100 days.
10. Water – Water is important in an in-ground vegetable garden, and even more so in a container garden. Provide excellent drainage in your containers, opt for the biggest containers possible, and when it’s hot and sunny, get out there every day with the hose.



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