



2010 Summer Newsletter

At this time of the year we will spend many hours outdoors. Whether you are a new gardener, an expert wanting to expand your flowerbeds, or someone who wishes to relax on the patio surrounded by beautiful patio furniture and gorgeous plants and containers, Parkland Garden Centre has everything you need. Come visit us for all your plants, garden accessories, statuary, outdoor furniture and much more! It's worth the visit!

Did you know...

Flower to "kill cancer"

Scientists have made a leukaemia break through that could save thousands of lives a year – thanks to baby's breath. They found an extract from the white bloom can boost the efficiency of anti-cancer drugs by one million times. Molecules from *Gypsophila paniculata* – commonly known as Baby's Breath – appeared in trials to break down the membrane of deadly cancer cells. This makes it far easier for antibody-based drugs to attack the cancer itself. There is really big possibility this can be used for many cancers. Scientists are now preparing for clinical trials, which will take three to five years. Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research said: "This research is certainly promising."

"Children crave a place where they can create or re-create their connection to the natural world through their senses. What better place than a garden to introduce children to the wonder of nature?"

Ensure Success with Your Annual Container:

1. Water thoroughly and avoid allowing your container gardens to wilt between watering.
2. Apply SMARTCOTE 14-14-14 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.

New Items at Parkland Garden Shop!

Citronella Insect Repellent – 100% all natural from Rocky Mountain Soap Company
Ostba – full grain Italian leather purses and bags in both brown and black
New from Crabtree & Evelyn - "Citron" Honey & Coriander hand care products
Bright flora-themed canvas prints
Great selection of "Plant Nannies" watering globes
Romero Britto limited edition collectibles – tea pots/figurines etc.



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One (1) free
Starter Perennial

Limit one coupon per customer
While quantities last
Expiry date: July 30, 2010



Sarritor Biological Lawn Weed Killer

The first biological lawn weed killer!

- Fast acting and effective non-chemical weed control
- Active ingredient is a naturally occurring fungus
- Controls dandelions and does not harm the lawn
- Contains enough Sarritor to treat approximately 750 dandelions
- Sarritor fungus dies after killing the weed. It does not persist in the soil.

Easy to Apply:

- Product is a dry granule that is spot applied directly to the weed.
- Apply in the spring or fall when daytime highs are less than 24°C.
- Needs rain or irrigation within 12 hours of application to activate.
- Product includes an applicator lid that dispenses the correct dose – one dose per dandelion is all it takes

Ask our “Specialists” for assistance and complete details!

It’s Not Too Late for Custom Planters:

Despite the cold weather, summer is upon us once again! It’s time to pull those containers out of storage and start thinking about your favorite flowers.

Our greenhouse has many new and exciting plants that would be perfect for your container garden this year. We look forward to serving you, our valued customer and invite you to bring your containers for our specialist to plant. Please feel free to consult with our specialists about color schemes and the location of your container garden so you can have that perfect planter.

Our “Specialists” look forward to seeing you and answering all of your gardening questions.

New & Unique to our Tree Lot!

- 1) **Gladiator Crabapple:** grows about 20’ tall, 9’ wide with burgundy foliage throughout the season; profuse dark pink blooms in early spring
- 2) **Hot Wings Maple:** grows to 15’ tall and wide; hardy tree adaptable to many soil types; produces blood red seed pods in summer; yellow-orange fall foliage
- 3) **Oak-Leaf Mountain Ash:** grows to 30’ tall, 20’ wide; leaves shaped like those of oaks; white clusters of flowers in spring followed by orange-red berries; attractive fall foliage

Must Have Perennials!

- 1) **Shade: “Praying Hands” Hosta** – narrow funnel-shaped , lavender flowers; **“Guacamole” Hosta** – pale lavender flowers with a beautiful fragrance
- 2) **Part Shade: Polemonium Jacob’s Ladder “Apricot Delight”** – delicate lilac-pink blooms dappled over rich green foliage; **Pulsatilla “Red Clock” Pasque Flower** – single, dark red, cup-shaped flowers in early spring are followed by feathery seed heads
- 3) **Sun: Alpine Veronica** – low growing border plant with true blue flowers in spring; **Penstemon “Dark Towers”** – wonderful, glossy, bronze-red foliage complements tubular pink flowers; **Hemerocallis “You Angel You” Daylily** - pink flowers in summers, rebloomer and fragrant; **Enchinacea “Green Jewel”** – large, light green petals around a deep green cone; **Itoh Phoeny** – unique colored peony, must have for peony collectors

How to Recognize a Good Bird Seed Mix:

Spring is here, but don’t stop feeding the birds! It is important to feed your birds year round to support birds through nesting and migration time periods. The majority of birds will happily eat sunflower and white millet seed, but less birds are interested in corn, wheat and particularly milo seeds. However, these seeds are not their favorite food source. If you consider that much of the mixture will end up on the ground or wasted in the feeder, a better product would be considerably cheaper on a \$/lb of product consumed. Desirable premium ingredients include sunflower seed, millet (not milo), canary seed, flax and canola seed, nyjer seed, and peanuts or tree nuts. Remember that all bird seed mixes are not the same and that price is not the only differentiating factor. Remember also that if you want to attract specific birds to your yard, that it is better to buy a mix that is specifically designed to attract that type of bird. **At Parkland Garden Centre, we carry a great selection of Mother Nature’s Dust Free bird seed.**