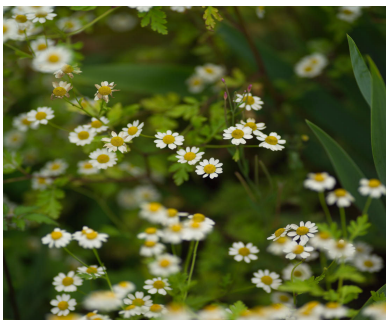


The long days of summer are upon us. At this time of the year we will spend many hours out in the garden. Whether you are a new gardener or an expert wanting to expand your flowerbeds, Parkland Garden Centre has what you need. Come visit us for all your plants, garden accessories, statuary and much more!

Summer Flower Power

Here is how to get super performance out of your flowering plants:

1. Pinch your plants back when planting to encourage more branching and more blooms.
2. Always remove any spent and fading blooms, along with the seed pots. If you do not let them set seed they will keep blooming more and look neater.
3. When they grow tall and bloom less, trim them back. They branch out and bloom even more.
4. Feed them. Use Smart Core 14-14-14 slow release, or use one of our water-soluble fertilizers with every watering. We always have a good supply on hand here at Parkland.
5. Use rainwater or distilled water for your planters. Water from the tap usually has too many salts and minerals that tend to tire the plants out.
6. If plants get root bound, shift them into larger pots. At Parkland we have a wide selection from which to choose.
7. As the season progresses, replace some of the plants that have become tired with new fresh flowering specimens. Parkland has a good selection of annuals and perennials.



Remember any plant in a pot can be planted out anytime throughout the summer. We carry flowering annuals in pots right through to mid-summer so you can always fill in empty spaces or spruce up the garden in time for a special event.

This applies to perennials, trees and shrubs also. They can be taken out of pots and planted out any time your landscape is ready to accept them, right up to October.

When planting, help them out at the beginning by making sure you use Plant Start 5-15-5. Water thoroughly when you plant. Re-water regularly but not excessively thereafter.

Enjoy your summer and if you should have any questions regarding plants or planting, come out to see us at the garden centre.

Care Tips for Your Container Garden

- Tip #1 Water your container garden regularly. With the heat of the summer here, your container garden needs plenty of water. Regular watering will maintain the healthiness and beauty.
- Tip #2 Fertilizer your container once a week. As the summer days pass, it is important to fertilize your containers regularly. Fertilizing once a week with 20-20-20 supplies your flowers with plenty of nutrients keeping them healthy all summer long.
- Tip #3 Dead head spent blooms. While enjoying a cup of lemonade on the deck, find some time to dead head blooms that are finished. Deadheading spent blooms keeps your containers looking fresh and allows them to continue their show all summer long.

Tropical Surprise



The plant pictured is a tropical Corn Plant, otherwise known as *Dracaena Massangena*. It is a common large houseplant grown for its colorful foliage. But even most of our common foliage plants occasionally flower as in the case of this one.

This plant will be several years old before it blooms. When it does, it will produce this long spike that grows out of the top of the plant and arches over and down, covered in creamy white tiny lily-like flowers. They are very fragrant and open every evening from about 7:00pm to midnight. The whole bloom spike will continue for about three to four weeks.

Apple Trees in Numbers of One

Have a combo apple tree, which is four to five different varieties that are grafted onto one apple tree? Some varieties that are commonly in a combo apple are Norland, Goodland or Parkland. All are very good for eating, cooking and storage while the Battleford and Heyer #12 are good for eating and cooking only.



Jelly Bean

Something new and exciting from our garden centre this spring!!

Check out our new and exciting “Jelly Bean” rugs. They would be a great accent to any home or deck. With their cheery bright designs, they wash just like a pair of your favorite jeans.

Our garden centre has many décor items to suit any indoor or outdoor living space, so drop by today and check out our great selection.

Water Gardening

Are you thinking of creating a water garden? If you are a newcomer to this growing gardening trend, you may want to start small. Begin with a watertight pot, fill it with water and a few water plants and enjoy on your deck or patio. If you wish, you can add a small pump for circulation and sound. At Parkland, we have several pots and plants that would suit any deck or patio water garden. We also sell small pumps to enhance your water garden.

If you already have a pond in your yard and you require more plants or want to update your pump, come out and visit us. Our “Specialists” will be glad to help you with all your water gardening needs and supplies.

The “Old” Standby Perennials Tried and True



Delphinium – Delphinium
Lilies – Lillium
Monkshood – Aconitum
Hollyhock – Alcea
Pussytoes – Antennaria
Aster – Aster
Bellflower – Campanula
Daylily – Hemerocallis
Golden Rod – Solidage

Elephant Ears - Bergenia
Iris – Iris
Peony - Paeonia
Phlox - Phlox
Blanket Flower - Garillardia
Snow in Summer - Cerastium
Lambs Ear - Stachys
Salvia – Salvia

All of these perennials were tried at three locations in Alberta; the Calgary Zoo, Mutart Conservatory, and Olds College. Look for the “yellow” stickers that say “Perennial Trial Garden”. Ask our perennials staff for more information and a complementary brochure.

Cherries for the Prairies

The University of Saskatchewan introduced five unnamed cherries a few years ago. Now, for 2007, Parkland is pleased to offer four new cherries. Crimson Passion was introduced last year and has the highest sugar count. It boasts large fruit and is great for fresh eating. Each new cherry has its own unique attribute. The Cupid blooms a week later than most cherries, the Juliet has higher sugar content than most, the Romeo has a great flavor for eating and the Valentine yields a high production. All of these cherries are around six to eight feet tall. Their fruit is dark red in color and they are all self-pollinating.

Lilacs

Lilacs come in many forms and colors. The best lilacs sold on the garden scene right now are the French Grafted Lilacs and the non-suckering lilacs.

Some of the different varieties are: the Beauty of Moscow with double pink flowers; the Charles Joly with double reddish-pink flowers; the Ludwig Spaeth with single, dark purple flowers; the Madame Lemonine with double white flowers; the Monge with single reddish-purple flowers; the President Grevy with double blue flowers; the President Lincoln with single medium blue flowers; and the Sensation with single purple flowers with white edging.

Preston lilacs are in the group of non-suckering lilacs, blooming two weeks longer than French grafter lilacs.

Other varieties are Donald Wyman, with reddish-purple flowers, Miss Canada, with fuchsia pink flowers, and Royalty, with violet purple flowers.

Small trees for those hard to fit places

Sutherland Caragana – about a 20' x 10' (6m x 3m) tree, boasting bright green foliage, a narrow and upright form, plus a tolerance to drought.

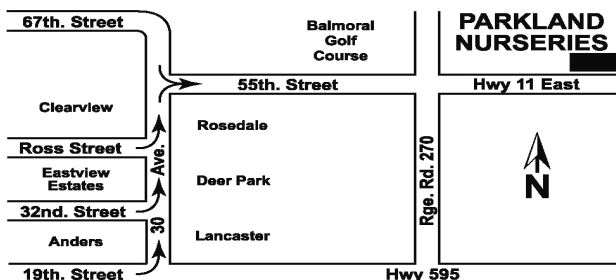
Crabapples – this tree grows to usually 20' x 13' (6m x 4m) and comes in all different colors from pink shades to white; it has foliage that is bronze to green.

Tower Poplar/Swedish Aspen – a 3' x 30' (1m x 10m) fast growing tree forming a large hedge for privacy screening.

Prairie Sky Poplar – 9' x 30' (3m x 10m) a fast growing tree, with great disease resistance. Because of its size it also makes a great tree for wind breaking.

Pincherry – 16' x 10' (5m x 3m) spring flowering tree. Its attractive fall fruit and colors make it a wonderful addition to any yard; it is also tolerant to all soil conditions.

American Mountain Ash – 20' x 13' (6m x 5m), features attractive dark green foliage, fall fruit with brilliant red colored leaves. This tree has the ability to attract birds to your yard.



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