

12 Months of Gardening

March 2018



- When this cold and rainy winter finally ends - and we promise you, it will be sometime this month - start spring cleaning in the yard. Remove leaves, garbage and the ever dreaded doggie doo-doo.
- If you haven't already, you can start some of your vegetable and flower seeds indoors. Visit our New Seed & Propagation area in Section 5 of the store for all your propagating needs.
- Keep off your lawn as the winter thaw begins. Stepping on your soggy lawn can compact the soil and damage the fragile root system. Don't worry though; you will have plenty of time to attend to your soon-to-be-green-grass next month.
- Spray dormant oil on fruit trees, flowering shrubs and ornamental trees to combat over wintering insects and fungus. Read the instructions carefully, as not all plants can be sprayed with dormant oil. Apply dormant oil when weather permits and before buds are open.
- Prune late flowering shrubs (eg. Rose of Sharon and Butterfly Bush) by one third or less.
- Houseplants will need a bit more water as the days get longer. When you start seeing signs of new growth, you can start fertilizing twice a month. We recommend Schultz 10-15-10 All Purpose Plant Food or Nutrite 20-20-20 All Purpose Fertilizer (at half the recommended rate).
- Take an inventory of your gardening tools and repair/replace old or rusted tools. The top ten must have gardening tools are a trowel, watering can, transplanting spade, digging/spading fork, utility bag, pruners, shears/loppers, soaker hose, garden cart/wheelbarrow and an edger.
- We are receiving daily shipments of hard goods. So if you missed out last year on getting that particular birdbath, statue or bench, now may be the time to visit Humber to see what's new!
- Once the weather warms up, we will be extremely excited to see you all! This winter sure has been a dreary one and we can hardly wait for the arrival of spring! Keep warm everyone, it's almost here!