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A Sweet Season



It's going to be a great gardening season... we can feel it! With a brand new greenhouse at our Tejon location, we are ready to get growing! This is the year to sweeten your landscape with new color combinations, new flavors for your vegetable garden, and scents from gorgeous new roses. Our candy basement has fun treats to enjoy and our lot will be filling in the coming months with our favorite produce from all over Colorado.

Go bold this year with exciting, vibrant colors in large swaths in your flower beds. These mass plantings in large flowing patterns will create some stunning eye candy. Bees will love you for it! Layer textures for even more drama: sweet potato vine lazing beneath flashy salvia or sparkling dahlias. Add special touches like birdbaths, trellises, or a piece of statement pottery for added flair. Don't let your garden go unnoticed this year! Spice it up and boldly go where your garden has never gone before!

One of our 4th generation, Hannah, knows to take time to stop and smell the flowers

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Fertilome Ultimate Potting Mix

SAVE \$3 per bag

25 qt. Reg \$11.98, Sale \$8.98
Limit 3.



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Fertilome Tree & Shrub Systemic Insect Drench

SAVE 10% on all sizes

Protects trees & shrubs for 1 full year. No spraying required. Controls leafminer, leathopper, whitefly, bore, beetle & more.

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Statuary, Fountains, Birdbaths, & Benches

SAVE 25%

Choose from many styles, colors, and sizes. Limited to in stock merchandise only.

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25% OFF Candy Basement

All candy, baking mixes, and more!
(Village PieMaker Pies excluded)

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4-1/2" Geraniums

Reg. \$5.98
on sale for

\$4.98

SAVE \$1⁰⁰

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Ceramic Pottery

SAVE 15%

New sizes, styles and colors for 2015!

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Have Your Shade and Eat it Too!

Fruit trees make moderate sized shade trees and are a great, tasty addition to any landscape. In the spring, the blossoms are stunning. Whenever you plant a fruit tree you not only get a shady spot in your yard to picnic under but it comes with dessert or snacks as well! Think of all the peach, cherry, or apple pie, jams, and ice cream with fresh fruit! Fruits trees grow to an average of about 25 feet tall and wide. You can prune fruit trees to keep them at a size you like. Fruit trees give you the best yield of any edible for the growing season. An apple tree can yield up to 200 apples each season and produce apples for 15 to 20 years. Choosing and planting fruit trees for your yard is a lot of fun, imagining how it will be once the trees are mature, but they require a little TLC when they're young to get them to fruition. When you plant them, make sure the hole you dig is at least twice as wide and eight inches deeper than the pot they come in. Take the soil you dug out and mix it with a compost rich soil such as Spencer's Soil. Refill the bottom eight inches, gently place the tree in the hole and have someone hold it upright while you refill the hole with the soil mix. Water thoroughly! Spencer's has a great selection of fruit trees hardy for the Colorado Springs area and the professional advice you need for a perfect home orchard. Did you know that some fruit trees need to have a pollinator to produce fruit? That means you may need to plant two trees. If you are unsure, find a helpful Spencer's employee and we will give you the answer!



We carry several types of fruit trees including apple in many varieties, cherry, peach, nectarine, and pear. Come by to see which is right for you!

BENEFIT FROM BUGS!

Spencer's is carrying bugs- the beneficial kind! This season we're aiming to infest your garden with an arsenal of bugs that will beat and eat the bad guys. Ladybugs are the best known beneficial bug and we'll carry bags of them! To keep them coming back and to attract even more, check out our ladybug attractant pheromone. Praying mantis are fascinating to watch and are quite hungry for problem bugs in gardens. Green lacewing look fragile but they're quite ferocious when it comes to aphids. To help with your compost pile, we'll have red worms. Worm castings are incredibly nutrient rich soil additives that will make your garden thrive. Beneficial nematodes take care of soil-dwelling insects such as grubs and fungus gnats while they are in their larval stages, preventing damage to lawns and gardens. We are excited to have these new friendly insects join our extensive list of garden solutions, but please call for availability, as we may need to reserve or order for you! Tejon location- 632-2788, Fountain- 392-2726.



Spencer's is Serving up Pies!

New to our inventory at Spencer's Market are The Village PieMaker Pies. Just like grandma used to make with light, flaky, homemade crust and real fresh fruit filling, the pies are handmade in Eustis, Nebraska and fresh frozen. They are delivered each week to our Tejon location. Pies are 10 inches and weigh 3 pounds, serving 8 happy pie lovers. Simply place the frozen pie in a preheated oven and practice patience. The varieties we keep in stock are Apple, Berry Medley, Cherry, Blueberry, Blackberry, Peach, Raspberry Peach, Rhubarb, and Strawberry Rhubarb. When you pull one of our pies out of the oven it will look like you spent hours in the kitchen. And you can say you baked it yourself because, well, you did!



An Ounce of Fungus Prevention...

...is worth a pound of cure. Just because our climate is dry doesn't mean we don't have our share of fungus and mold problems in the lawn. Fortunately, we carry Fertilome's F-Stop, a granular product containing Eagle® fungicide that provides a systemic protectant and curative fungicide. Stop necrotic ring spot, powdery mildew, and other fungal diseases before they start this year by applying now.

Don't forget to feed the birds!

We carry bird seed mixtures that are sure to attract a variety of birds to your yard & garden!

Our most popular seed mixture is Tidy Patio, which is shelled and hulled so it can't sprout under your feeder. Birds love it because they don't have to shell it, making it a totally consumable seed mix. A covered feeder or tube feeder is suggested to prevent the seed from getting wet. Tidy Patio contains shelled sunflower chips, hulled white millet, peanut pieces and hearts, and nyjer seed. This mixture has plenty of protein, fiber, and fat to keep the birds satisfied and coming back for more! If you'd like to attract more small birds, especially finches to your feeders, we have Nyjer Seed and Super Finch seed. Super Finch is a mix of Nyjer seed and fine Sunflower chips. These varieties require a special tube feeder but it is well worth the extra effort.

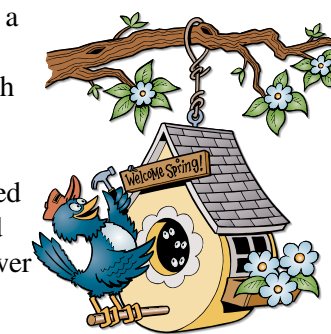
We also carry Black Oil Sunflower seed, Shelled Sunflower chips, and Safflower seed. Did you know Safflower seed helps deter large birds from your feeders? Simply add a little bit to your seed mixture each time you fill your feeders. Cracked Corn and Ear Corn is available for deer, squirrel, rabbit, ducks, and other wildlife feeding.

Many of us love to feed squirrels. Our Sweet Corn logs and Nut'n-Sweet Corn logs should do the trick. These compressed corn logs take the place of 12 ears of Ear Corn! This should keep the little guys busy for awhile.

Suet feeders are another way to invite birds to your home. We feature many types of suet including peanut, pecan, sunflower, berry, raisin, and more! Suet can be used for year-round bird feeding.

We carry Valencia peanuts, both raw and roasted in the shell, for general wildlife feeding. Our peanuts are great for human consumption as well- salted peanuts are available, great for picnics, barbecues, on-the-go snacks, parties, and more!

Stop in today and pick up some food for all the wildlife critters in your neighborhood.



GET SMART ABOUT CONTAINER GARDENING

Smart Pot is a unique container that will grow the best plant possible. This patented, soft-sided, yet rigid fabric pot is the newest in container technology. We feature the Smart Pot in several sizes, the composter, and the fabric raised garden bed in mini, junior, and large sizes. These fabric pots make it easy for you to garden in small spaces and not worry about a big set-up cost. These pots have a unique ability to enhance a plant's root structure. A highly branched, fibrous root structure is the key to growing a better plant - with more flowers and fruits, and more resistance to insects and diseases. With the popularity of raised bed gardening, take the opportunity to see it for yourself. Come in today and see the Smart Pot on display and see how easy it is to have a garden in a Smart Pot!



SAYONARA, SUCKERS!

Sucker Punch by Bonide is a ready-to-use spray that controls sprouts and sucker growth on apple, pear, and non-bearing citrus trees, and ornamental woody plants. This spray application lasts up to six months. Simply cut the existing sucker and spray. This is most effective during the dormancy stage. Sucker Punch works especially well on aspen and scrub oak and is the perfect product to help slow growth on most of those pesky existing suckers. Bonide Sucker Punch RTU... See you later, suckers.



GARDENING SUCCESS TIPS

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- TIP 1:** Prune flowering shrubs after they have bloomed. This helps insure a bumper crop of blooms for the following year. Feed them monthly with Ferti-lome Tree & Shrub Food through August to keep them healthy.
- TIP 2:** Continue feeding the birds. Seed producing plants are just beginning to grow and there are more birds competing for the depleted wild seed supply.
- TIP 3:** Put out ladybugs at the first sign of aphid (especially around lupine, columbine, and roses) for a natural solution for insect control.
- TIP 4:** Remember never dig a \$5.00 hole for a \$40.00 tree! Soil preparation is the key to success. Dig your hole twice the diameter of the pot and 2 to 4 inches deeper than the pot. Amend the soil 50/50 with Spencer's Garden Success Planting Soil. Place enough soil in the bottom of the hole so that the plant is level with the surface. Back fill the sides and around the plant with your 50/50 mixture. With leftover soil create a reservoir or swell around the plant to force water around the root ball. Water frequently with Ferti-lome Root Stimulator to establish the plant and reduce transplant shock.

- TIP 5:** Did you know that you can eliminate most of your weeds and weed pulling by sprinkling Hi-Yield Dimension around all of your established plants? Apply monthly for best results.
- TIP 6:** Feed your roses and prevent insects and disease by applying Fertilome Rose and Flower Food with systemic insecticide starting now and repeat every 4 weeks.
- TIP 7:** Tired of buggy fruit? Spray your fruit trees shortly after petal fall with Bonide Tree Spray and repeat every 10-14 days up to 14 days before harvest.
- TIP 8:** Tired of grass in your flowerbeds? Tired of weeds in your lawn? Tired of weeds and grass in your rock areas? Stop in today and we will show you what you need!
- TIP 9:** Eliminate dog urine spots in your lawn by applying Grass Shield on your lawn monthly.
- TIP 10:** Stop pests from invading your yard and garden. Stop in today for one of our many great products that will help deter them from bothering your plants.



Is your garden eating well?

We know how important a good diet is for us... we are not at our healthiest if we eat potato chips and candy bars all day. Did you know the same thing goes for the plants in your garden? Using a good, balanced fertilizer for all of your plants is vital to maintaining good growth habit, supporting color and blossom health, and preventing disease. When the health of the plant is at its best, plants can photosynthesize optimally, adding oxygen to the atmosphere and ingesting carbon dioxide.

Plants require nutrients to survive, just like people. The soil supplies these nutrients, primarily nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium, as well as trace amounts of calcium, magnesium, sulphur, and iron. Sometimes, however, the soil is depleted of these nutrients due to overuse and leaching. Some plants, such as soybeans and pumpkin will take so many nutrients out of the soil that it cannot support new plant life. Leaching occurs when water drains down through the soil, taking the minerals with it into deeper layers of the soil where plants cannot access it, sometimes even to the watershed. Acid rain can change the composition of the minerals, rendering them ineffective for plants.

Adding these nutrients to our lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers, and vegetables through water-soluble fertilizers or granular feeds ensures that the plant can access them and thrive. Often, we assume nutrient deficient plants aren't getting adequate water. They look small, weak, and in some cases, discolored. In response, we water more, wasting the resource and worsening the problem. Vegetables grown in nutrient-rich soils are bigger, yield more, and taste better. Lawns are greener, require less water, and can be more helpful to the environment than those left to fend without fertilizer.

Make sure that your plants are getting the most out of your water by feeding them regularly with a high-quality fertilizer appropriate for their needs. Be sure you stop by Spencer's and ask which fertilizers are best for your garden!

BE WATER WISE

You can have a successful gardening season this year despite the lack of snowfall and moisture we have had. Water-wise and water smart products can provide you with many options to keep your plants healthy, growing, and gorgeous. Don't worry about compromising your beautiful landscape! Keeping up with fertilizers in all areas of your yard will help ensure this, even during times of watering restrictions.

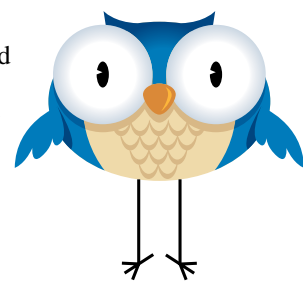
For your lawn we recommend our Fertilome Lawn Care Program. This 4-step program is easy, providing the nutrients your lawn needs to stay healthy. Add Soil Activator to help unlock nutrients and utilize water more effectively. Liquid Revive contains soil surfactants that help green your lawn and hold moisture to help make waterings more effective.

Polymers added to hanging baskets and container gardens hold water and slowly release it, which reduces the need to water. Tree watering tools such as deep root waterers deliver water directly to the roots and encourage deeper root growth. Use Tree & Shrub Drench by Fertilome to help prevent stress and damage by insects and give them the best chance possible.

Consider adding some xeric plants to your landscape. We carry annuals, perennials, trees, and shrubs that can easily be added to enhance your area.

Remember to use soil amendments in new plantings as well as existing beds. Add mulches to help retain and reduce water usage.

Don't fear a possible water shortage or watering restrictions! Let us help you find products that will suit your specific gardening needs.



Neil Diamond is Coming to Spencer's in Time for Mother's Day

... Along with four other new additions to our 2015 rose collection! Neil Diamond is a newly introduced Hybrid Tea rose, blooming pink and white striped with intense classic rose fragrance.

Inspired by screen and singing legend, Doris Day is a lovely sunshine yellow

Floribunda rose with blooms that are full of fruity and sweet spice aromas. Vigorous stems hold beautiful rounded clusters of old-fashioned blooms, a perfect tribute to the joyful icon.



flowered climbing rose with improved flower production that will show exquisitely all season long. Not only does it boast

This year's new Grandiflora rose is Anna's Promise, the first in a series inspired by the series "Downton Abbey." The exciting and unique color combination of golden petals blushing pink and glowing bronze reverse is a fitting representation of Anna's character. Elegant blossoms surrounded by glossy foliage exude a spicy fruit fragrance.

Above All is a new, large

a beautiful salmon-orange color and fruity fragrance, it has a high level of disease resistance and winter hardiness with parentage from Westerland.

Top of the World is a new Miniature Climbing rose with long-lasting orange and yellow bicolor flowers that will continuously cover itself with blooms from spring to fall.

You'll find these new additions plus your old favorites here at Spencer's and just in time for Mother's Day!



May is coming up roses!

May is coming up roses! Spencer's carries only the highest quality potted roses and they should arrive just in time for Mother's Day, May 10th. The list of roses we will carry in 2015 is available at both of our locations and on our website.

When planning your rose garden, consider what you'd like to get from it, what your conditions are, and what roses you'd like to grow. If you plan to do cuttings for indoor use, consider hybrid teas or grandifloras. If you want full color in the garden try a floribunda or a shrub rose. Miniatures are a hit in this area, as they are the easiest to grow.

Roses need at least 5 hours of full sun for best flower production. When planting, dig holes at least 18 inches in diameter and approximately 18 inches deep. Amend the soil where the new plantings will go with a mixture of sand, compost, and potting soil for good drainage. Bury the graft 2-4 inches below ground. Use Ferti-lome's Root Stimulator immediately after planting and every time you water for the next 10 days. Remember to feed the established rose garden. We love Ferti-lome Rose & Flower Food with Systemic Insecticide gently worked into the top 2-4 inches of soil. Another great product is Fox Farm Natural

& Organic Happy Frog Rose Food. Watering over the winter at least once a month offers the best survival for established roses.

The strong spring winds are hard on all plants so water well when there is no precipitation! After the last killing frost, prune your roses to encourage new plant growth, remove excess spindly and crossed canes or dead wood, and improve air circulation to reduce disease. Be prepared with thorn-proof gloves and very sharp, clean bypass pruners. Hybrid teas, grandiflora, and similar roses should be pruned at a 45 degree angle about 1/4 inch above an outward facing bud eye. Prune to four to six canes, down to

12" to 18" high. You may have to prune off already green and leafing areas. Miniatures should be pruned back to half or a third their normal height. Climbers shouldn't be pruned, or just lightly to remove dead wood only. Floribunda and shrubs need very little pruning, just remove dead wood.

Join us on Saturday, May 30th from 1-4 as the Colorado Springs Rose Society will be on hand to answer your rose questions and share their enthusiasm for these beautiful plants!

Beautify the Earth, Naturally!

FoxFarm soil mixes, soil conditioners, and fertilizers are specially formulated to replenish the soil, lift the human spirit, and make the earth beautiful. While you are enjoying spectacular gardening results using FoxFarm Products, you are also supporting a conscientious effort to manage our resources. You can be gardening globally using FoxFarm in your yard!

Ocean Forest

Successful gardening starts with great soil. Ocean Forest is the ultimate potting soil—everything your plants need in one bag. Ocean Forest is a powerhouse blend of premium earthworm castings, bat guano, and sea-going fish and crab meal. Composted forest humus, sandy loam, and sphagnum peat moss give it a light, aerated texture. Available in 12 qt. and 1.5 cu. ft. bags.

Comeback Formula Bush Doctor Boomerang helps reduce plant stress during temperature fluctuations and unintentional neglect. Comeback Formula can make an instant impact on the health of a stressed plant, helping it to rebound and be as beautiful as ever.

Flowers Kiss Bush Doctor Flowers Kiss is a Spray-on Foliar Plant Food, meaning it is absorbed through the leaves of the plant rather than the roots. It contains micronutrients that are crucial in the early flowering phase of plant growth to enhance flower development and encourage a bountiful yield.

Tiger Bloom Tiger Bloom is a potent, fast-acting, high-phosphorus fertilizer with

enough nitrogen to sustain healthy, vigorous green growth during flowering. Use for both hydroponic and soil applications. Tiger Bloom encourages abundant fruit, flower, and multiple bud development. Use Tiger Bloom at the first signs of flowering through harvest.

Big Bloom Big Bloom Natural & Organic Blossom Builder is a micro-brewed formula organic ingredients that offer a full range of nutrients. It is ideal for all flowering and fruiting plants, and it's safe enough to use every time you water. You'll enjoy healthy, vigorous flowers and dramatically improved fruit and vegetable flavors. Best of all, Big Bloom will intensify flower fragrance, and increase essential oil production, which means stronger flavors in herbs, fruits, and vegetables.

Grow Big Get your garden going with Grow Big, a fast-acting, water-soluble fertilizer for lush, vegetative, compact growth. Use Grow Big early in the season when young plants need an extra boost. It encourages sturdier, healthier stems and leaves while promoting the kind of healthy branching needed later in the season for more abundant buds and blooms.

Jump Start Happy Frog Jump Start formula is pH-balanced with premium organic ingredients like bat guano, kelp meal, alfalfa meal, and other beneficial microbes to help convert fertilizers into vital plant food. It helps seed germination and may increase the uptake of important micronutrients.

All-Purpose Happy Frog All-Purpose Fertilizer is a ready-to-use, pH balanced

blend of natural fertilizers. Some ingredients allow for instantly available nutrition, while others deliver slow-release nitrogen over time. Highly recommended for vegetable gardens, annual and perennial flower gardens, ornamental plantings, and all types of container gardening.

Tomato and Vegetable The ratios between nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium allow plants to feed vigorously while producing abundant high quality fruit. Happy Frog Tomato and Vegetable also contains calcium, helping prevent blossom end rot and building stronger cell walls, making plants more disease resistant.

Fruit and Flower This Happy Frog blended fertilizer formula will encourage vigorous root systems, robust bud size, and multiple branching. Expect brighter colors, spellbinding scents, and delicious flavors, all thanks to the extra boost that comes from the micronutrients and living organisms in Fruit & Flower.

Rose Food Rose gardeners know that their prize-winning blooms deserve more than an all-purpose fertilizer. Happy Frog Rose Food includes linoleic acid which acts as a growth stimulant and helps produce higher yields. Rose Food is custom blended to deliver optimum nutrition for roses. This extraordinary fertilizer will create strong plants, increase the color intensity, and produce prize-winning blooms.

Bulb Food Happy Frog Bulb Food is designed to support gorgeous flowers and a long blooming season. It's pH-balanced with



premium organic ingredients and beneficial microbes to help convert fertilizers into vital plant food and fight off disease. Our Bulb Food formula is granulated and easy to use, and it provides gentle, slow-release feedings all season long.

Bat Guano Bat guano has been known since ancient times to be a highly beneficial organic soil amendment that has a powerful effect on all plants. Happy Frog High Phosphorus Bat Guano fertilizer is long aged and has no odor. It also contains natural bacteria and has properties that cannot be duplicated in a laboratory. It will deliver spectacular flowers and multiple bud development.



Spencer Bucks

The only thing better than shopping at Spencer's is shopping at Spencer's for the Bucks! Spencer Bucks are back for the season and yours for the collecting. For every \$10 you spend, you will receive one Spencer Buck. Hold on to them until September when you get to use them same as cash for up

to 50% of your purchase from September 1-19! We will honor Bucks from previous years, so don't toss them during your spring cleaning! So, what can you buy in September? Fall bulbs & pansies, perennials, nursery stock, tools, statuary, birdbaths, and so much more! It's a great opportunity to get something special you've

wanted all summer. Mark your calendar so you don't miss the best sale of the year! Unfortunately, we cannot extend the offer to Ferti-lome products, produce, nuts, peanuts, and propane. Bucks cannot be used with any other coupons, discounts, or offers.



Get Weeds OUT!

We've all dealt with the hassle of weeds in our lawn at some point. This summer, show them the way out with Fertilome's Weed Out Ready to Spray. It's great when night time temperatures are above 50 degrees and eliminates nearly all broadleaf weed nuisances in our area. Best of all, it won't damage your established lawn. Simply attach your hose to the bottle, turn on the water, and spray your lawn.



Fertilome Ready-to-Spray Weed Out Super Spring Sale \$12.98

Regularly \$29.98

While supplies last, not valid with any other coupon or sale. Expires 5/31/15

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MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 10TH

Give Mom a gift that will grow in her garden and her heart. Choose from hundreds of beautiful hanging baskets and colorful container gardens that will last all season. A unique piece of statuary will be welcome in any corner of her patio or yard. If she enjoys the company of birds, give her a feeder for seed or nectar. From rose bushes to maple trees, fountains to garden art, Spencer's has what you want to give her and what she wants to receive! Gift cards are available for any amount!

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Say Goodbye to Bugs for a Year!

Ferti-Lome Tree & Shrub Systemic Insect Drench provides year-long protection on trees and shrubs with just one application, no spraying required! This soil drench is effective on emerald ash borer, aphids, billbugs, leaf hoppers, leaf miners, pine tip larvae, scale, and more. Simply mix with water, pour at the base of the trees and shrubs, and rest assured that your investments are protected from insect damage for a whole year!

- Systemic action reduces impact on beneficial insects and gives better overall plant protection.
- 12 month insect protection with one application.
- No spraying. Simply mix appropriate amount with water and pour at base of plant.
- Soil treatment eliminates spray drift and can be applied any time of year except when ground is frozen.
- Broad spectrum control for most major insect pests on trees and shrubs.
- Less insecticide into the environment.
- Easy to use.
- Economical.



Grass Seed

Spencer's carries a complete line of grass seed mixtures to ensure that you have a thick, healthy, beautiful lawn. We carry drought tolerant varieties, low maintenance, and mixtures for lawn patching.

Varieties include:

- Match & Patch:** Great for patching bare spots! This mixture blends perfectly into your existing bluegrass lawn.
- Colorado's Own:** Perfect for over-seeding thin lawns, patching, and is quick to germinate.
- Rocky's Ballpark:** Stands up to heavy traffic, blends in with existing lawns, and germinates quickly.
- Water-Less Turf Blend:** This all-fescue mix is designed for parkways, areas left virtually unattended once the grass seed has germinated and has been established. Also great for areas that are hard to reach with irrigation.
- Shade & Shadow Mix:** Designed to help fill in under and around shade trees, areas shaded by the house, and other shady yard spots. It can also withstand sun for combination problems.
- Colorado High Altitude Mix:** Very drought tolerant and low growing, this mix is perfect for hills and slopes. It can be mowed or left to appear natural.
- Nice Lawn:** Beautiful dark green in color, this mix has a high drought tolerance and recovers quickly from drought stress. Does exceptionally well in high heat.

We carry bluegrass, ryegrass, and more in bulk.

You'll find Fertilome Canadian Black Peat Moss and Straw Net for top dressing the seed after sowing.



Veggies & Herbs

If you want to pick a pepper, cut some corn, or taste tomatoes, look no further than Spencer's! We have a huge selection of vegetable and herb plants that will have you harvesting in no time. With several varieties of many popular garden favorites, you will be sure to find what you need for a petite patio planter or groundbreaking garden spread! You'll want to add fresh herbs to everything you eat with the variety of plants we have in our herb house.

PROPANE MADE EASY

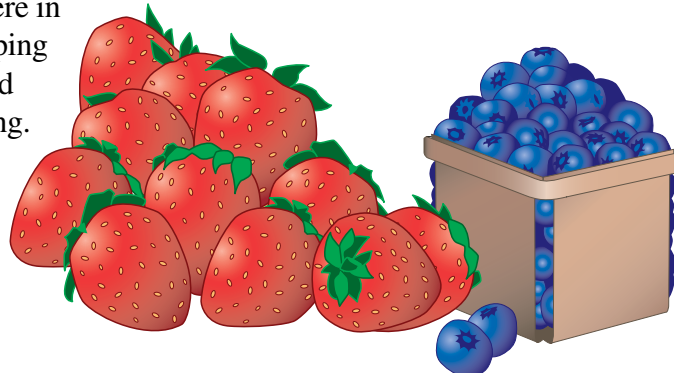


Get the most out of your propane tank by refilling, not trading it in! Spencer's propane filling station charges you only what you fill your tank with rather than the cost of a new tank. No more wasted propane! You'll know how many gallons you've paid for and none will be given away when you need more!



A Berry Delicious Summer!

Berries are a superfood, loaded with nutrients, minerals, and even cancer-fighting properties. Doctors everywhere suggest a healthy serving a few times a week. What's healthier than picking them from your own garden? Berries are easy to grow, hardy in our area, and bountiful all summer long! Strawberries are perhaps one of the easiest edibles to grow, being prolific in garden beds and pots. With just a little attention to help keep away earwigs and slugs, they will be relentless in helping keep you healthy and full. Raspberries and blackberries are bushes that take care of themselves while providing you a heaping basket of sweet berries! There's even a blueberry bush that will thrive here in Colorado Springs, helping you top your cereal and pancakes every morning. Come to Spencer's to see what berry bushes are ripe- we mean right- for you!



Buzzy gardening!

It is concerning that Colony Collapse Disorder is killing bees nationwide. The good news is that cases have decreased over the last five years. While researchers try to pinpoint the cause, home gardeners can do their part to invite bees and other pollinators to their yards for nectar. It's important to avoid broad applications of pesticides if possible. Spot treat the plants affected by nuisance insects just after dawn before the bees are active and avoid spraying the blooms. When selecting plants to attract bees, consider native plants first. Plants that are highly hybridized or that produce double flowers don't produce as much nectar. Include a large selection of blue, purple, and yellow flowered plants with varied bloom times. Consider plantings in broader swaths to make nectar foraging more effective for bees. If your beds aren't very large, consider mass plantings.

By planting for bees and other beneficial pollinators, your garden will be buzzing with beauty!

Some of our favorite bee attracting plants are:

Chives	Scabiosa	Campanula
Oregano (allow to bloom)	Rudbeckia	Choke Cherry
Lavender	Sneezeweed	Wood's Rose
Salvia	Aster	
Russian sage	Echinacea	



STAY CURRENT WITH SPENCER'S ONLINE!

We are excited to start the new growing season with a new website! We're working hard to keep things fresh and updated so you'll know what's happening at our stores. Check it out at www.spencersgardens.com, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!



Organic is Powerful!



Gro-Rich Garden Fertilizer is a great organic option for fertilizing your entire garden! Recommended by the Elmhurst Iris Society, this powerful

formula will increase the number of blooms on flowering plants, introduce nutrient value, and add billions of beneficial micronutrients that improve the uptake of nutrients and your soil texture. The best part of this fertilizer is that it is entirely safe for children, pets, and the environment.

Bring Elegance and Flair to your Landscape

If you're looking for a great selection of trellises to tame your roses or entwine your clematis, come to our Tejon location. You'll find plain and decorative trellises from Austram that are perfect for adding interest to your landscape. If you want to add a dramatic, elegant entryway to your garden, consider an Austram arbor. You can place a bench or garden chairs beneath for an enchanting backyard getaway. Austram's arbors feature a zinc plated metal under the powder coating, helping prevent rusting, and proudly brings quality products to lawn and garden enthusiasts for over 25 years.



Elmhurst Iris Society Rhizome Sale

Friday, July 24th 9:00-5:00
Spencer's Lawn and Garden Center
1430 S. Tejon

Saturday, July 25th, 9:00-3:00
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Many varieties, colors and sizes - come get some beautiful iris for your garden!



Spencer's Soil is an incredible soil for transplanting trees, shrubs, bedding plants, and more. As an alternative to peat moss, our scientifically blended soil contains coconut coir which retains moisture better and is more sustainable environmentally. Pumice helps to aerate and improve drainage in our clay soils, while expanded shale further retains water, improves nutrient retention, and is still three times lighter than sand! A locally sourced aged manure compost adds nutrients and richness to the soil. Organic ingredients such as alfalfa and oyster shell lightly fertilize plants and make the perfect medium for growing any plant! We love our new soil blend and we think you will, too!



Share the Shade!

In the blazing heat of the summer, it's a good idea to keep some shade cloth on hand to provide some shelter to vegetables and less heat tolerant plants. It can be used as early as mid-spring to help prevent lettuce and spinach from bolting as quickly. Securing over tomato plants for a couple hours in hot afternoons will help prevent sun scorch on the fruit. Use it on patios to help shelter pets and people, too!

Spencer's Tomato Mania



Spencer's will have over 100 different tomato varieties available for home gardens! Once again, we will have the standards: Better Boy, Early Girl, Celebrity, Champion, Sweet 100 Cherry, Fantastic, Fourth of July, Patio, Roma, Yellow Pear and more. We will have several popular Heirloom varieties for the adventurous vegetable gardener. Most Heirloom varieties will be organically grown. We're introducing Pink Caspian this year, and we will have early, original, and bush varieties of Goliath. Tomato plants of different varieties will be available in different size containers including 2 1/2 inch, 3 1/2 inch, and 6 inch pots. Some varieties will be in gallon-sized pots. We plan to have all varieties available by the 10th of May, weather permitting. The MIGHTY 'MATO line-up includes varieties that will be grafted onto vigorous rootstock for super-abundant harvests. This year's varieties will include Beefsteak, Black Krim Heirloom, Brandywine Heirloom, Cherokee Purple Heirloom, Early Girl, Juliet-Mini Roma, Mortgage Lifter Heirloom, San Marzano, Sasha's Altai-Siberian, Stupice, Sun Sugar, and Sweet Million- Cherry Heirloom. When planting, the graft must stay above the soil level. Like superheroes, MIGHTY'MATO grafted tomatoes are stronger, faster, and quicker to fend off foes than regular tomato plants. Plus, harvests are bigger! Come in and share your tomato tales with the Spencer's staff or post pictures onto our Facebook page!

YOUR LAWN 100% WEED FREE!

Make Your Lawn a Weed Free Zone!

- Can be used in cool weather, as low as 45 degrees at time of application.
- Safe to use on newly seeded lawns, ten days after total germination.
- First consumer-labeled product containing innovative herbicide chemistry carfentazone!
- Quick results on troublesome weeds like bindweed, spurge, and clover
- Kills roots and all. See results within 24 hours!



Hanging Baskets, Container Gardens, & Tub Geraniums

Buy a hanging basket or container garden and the first feeding is on us! Just ask a cashier for your FREE sample of Fertilome Geranium, Hanging Basket and Pansy Food, a balanced 20-20-20 fertilizer ideal for using every other time you water. Fertilizing hanging baskets and container gardens is important for a healthy plant and continuous blooming, especially in the heat. Simply add one teaspoon of the fertilizer granules into a gallon of water and pour onto the soil of the potted plant. Pruning ensures they will keep giving you great color all sea-

son long! We will have a great selection of containers for instant color for areas in shade to full sun. Our geraniums tubs have been a tradition for years and they do exceptionally well in the hot summer. We feature about 10 colors and when these are gone they are gone. We will continue to stock other container gardens and hanging baskets all summer long. For your free fertilizer sample, see the cashier at checkout! For Mothers Day, Memorial Day, or any other day, stop in for beautiful instant color!

DEER/RABBIT RESISTANT PLANTS



As lucky as we are to be surrounded by such beautiful wildlife, let's face it. It can be annoying to invest in plants that will end up being buffet fare! Here are a few recommendations for plants that are deer and rabbit resistant. There is no guarantee that these won't be munched on, but we have found these plants to be less desirable to wandering wildlife.

Annuals: Begonia, Dahlias, Dianthus, California Poppies, Cleome, Dusty Miller, Salvias, Vinca, Zinnias, Marguerite Daisies,

Nicotiana, Marigolds, Verbena

Perennials: Yarrow, Columbine, Gaillardia, Astilbe, Foxglove, Coneflower, Lupine, Coreopsis, Baby's Breath, Blue Flax, Oriental Poppy, Lamb's Ear, Peony, Daffodil
Ground Covers: Sweet Woodruff, Vinca Minor, English Ivy, Thyme, Snow-In-Summer, Lamium

Trees: White Fir, Colorado Spruce, Pinon Pine, Juniper

Vines: Clematis, Honeysuckle, Wisteria

Shrubs: Potentilla, Austrian Copper Rose, Quince, Blue Mist Spirea, Golden Current, Lilac, other native varieties

Herbs: Chives, Mints, Rosemary, Sage

Plant herbs around some of your other plants to act as a border deterrent.

Remember, these plants aren't animal proof, and some are better than others when it comes to hungry wildlife. Hopefully, by incorporating these in your landscape, you will be able to enjoy your garden and view the woodland creatures from afar.

For even more protection for your garden, we recommend spraying with Deer-Off, Liquid Fence, or using Feather Meal.

Spring Bulb Care

One of the most exciting parts of spring is watching the emergence of the spring bulbs. They signal the start of a promising season ahead! As the daffodils, tulips, crocus, and other spring bulbs begin to break through the warming soil, we need to remember a few things to help them stay strong, bloom long, and go dormant for next year's show.

When they begin popping through the soil, we need to begin watering them on warmer days if there is no snow on the surrounding soil. Even if it seems too early, not providing water will cause more damage than the cold.

Enjoy them as they grow and flower. Add a high phosphorus fertilizer while they bloom, and gently work it into the soil. Once the blooms are spent, (unless you cut the blooms for a pretty indoor arrangement) cut the stem close to the bottom of the plant. Be sure to leave the foliage for as long as possible, even though it gets yellow and looks unattractive. Only pull them when a gentle tug that doesn't disturb the soil causes the leaves to come out in your hand.



Dream Big, Little Garden

Fairy Gardening is becoming a popular hobby for all ages. Limited only by imagination, these little landscapes allow for big garden dreaming on a tiny scale. We carry kits to get you started- simply choose a container, add soil, and take a trip through our selection of tiny plants. You can even add herbs! We carry several fun accessories and figurines to add whimsy and delight for gardeners of all ages. Include a few more personal touches like seashells, polished stones, or trinkets to make it even more special. Miniature gardening a fun activity to share with children or grandchildren. It's a great way to keep it small, simple, and let them share in the "gardening" duties of watering and caring for their own little space.

Free Fairy Gardening Class!

Join us at our Fountain location,
Saturday, June 6th at 11:00.

Bring or buy a pot or container
and enjoy 20% off all fairy garden accessories.

We'll provide soil and instruction by
Christy Patton of Guley Greenhouse.

We'll have a nice selection of fairy garden plants
for purchase. Please call 392-2726 to reserve your spot
or register online at www.spencersgardens.com
as space is limited!

Get down to the roots! Start 'em off right! with Fertilome Root Stimulator

For so many years we have recommended using Ferti-lome Root Stimulator when you transplant flowers, trees, and shrubs to your yard. It's one of our favorite products and we can't recommend it highly enough! It's a mild solution that mimics the hormones roots need to grow strong root structure. Using just 3-1/2 tablespoons per gallon of water every time you water for two weeks, you prevent transplant shock and ensure that your newly planted investments take hold and thrive! Not only is Root Stimulator a great product for new plants, seasoned plants appreciate it, too! Your perennials will benefit immensely from a drench. You'll notice enhanced and vigorous greening and growth. Your clematis will take off with a dose of Root Stimulator, covering trellises faster. Ornamental grasses will green up faster, grow to height more quickly, and fill out even more. Root stimulator will even encourage more blossoms on daylilies!



These Hi-Yield Products are Here for your Garden Success

Triple Super Phosphate- Encourages plants to develop sturdy root systems, increases bloom production and strengthens fruit and bud set.

Bone Meal- Provides a slow release form of natural phosphorus to help plants produce sturdy root systems, helps hasten maturity and stimulates plant growth. For use on bulbs, roses, flowers and shrubs. Excellent for vegetable gardens.

Gardener's Special- Use on vegetables, flowers, trees, shrubs & tomatoes. A great general fertilizer.

Tomato Vegetable Food- Provides the proper nutrients necessary to promote vigorous growth, abundant vegetable harvest and juicy tomatoes.

Rose Food with Systemic Insecticide

Blood Meal- Provides a slow release form of natural Nitrogen, ideal for use on pansies, roses, flowers, trees, shrubs and vegetables. Aids in plant production of top growth and

deep green foliage.

Dutch Bulb Food- Specifically designed to be used with all types of flowering bulbs at planting time in spring and fall. Provides necessary nutrients for proper root development and growth of bulbs.

Muriate of Potash- An excellent source of potassium, which aids plants in forming healthy stems, roots and tuber growth. Great for below ground forming vegetables such as potatoes, carrots and others.

Natural Guard Compost Maker- Combines all the necessary elements for converting organic matter into rich humus. May be applied as a liquid to speed up composting progress.

Horticultural Hydrated Lime- Corrects soil acidity and helps loosen heavy clay soils. Increases soil pH. Can be used to keep down odor and flies around stables, outhouses, etc. Supplies calcium to plants and microorganisms.