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**A**nd... ACTION! Spring enters the scene. Winter, not ready to admit defeat, takes aim with snowball ammunition. Undeterred, Spring charges ahead

with warming sunshine until the landscape is lush with leafy trees, blooming flowers, and buzzing bees. "Until next year, Spring!" shouts Winter with an icy glare. End scene.

Who will you cast in your featured garden this year? Whether you go with classic geraniums, timeless petunias, or the fresh-faced Big Bounce Impatiens, Spencer's has the best selection of annuals and perennials to create the scenic yard of your dreams. If you have every detail of your vegetable garden scripted, check out our ever expanding list of characters from seeds to large grafted tomato plants. If you prefer to improvise, you'll love to explore our nursery lot full of trees and shrubs. With Spencer's you'll have the biggest blockbuster on your street! Audiences will cheer, "Two green thumbs up!"

Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!"

*-Robin Williams*

## Ross Root Feeders and supplies

# 20% OFF



Perfect for deep root watering and fertilizing trees and shrubs

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# 25% OFF ALL CANDY



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## Grass Shield Dog & Pet Protection

Cure and prevent dog urine spots in your lawn. Ready to spray, attaches easily to your hose and covers 5000 sq. ft. per bottle. Reg. \$34.98 each.

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# SAVE \$5.00

per bottle



## Wall O-Water Season Extenders

Use Wall O-Water season extenders to get a jump-start on tomato, pepper, and other plants.

3-pak reg. \$14.98

# just \$10.98

each with coupon.



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## Sucker Punch

# SAVE \$10.00

Ready-to-Use



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## Pro Rich Lawn Fertilizer

Reg. \$29.98 per bag

# SAVE \$5.00

per bag

Each bag covers 5600 sq. ft. and contains DPW, a natural slow release fertilizer.



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# GARDENING SUCCESS TIPS

## FOR APRIL

**TIP 1:** What makes lettuce bitter? Lettuce is a cool-season crop. It becomes bitter when grown in hot temperatures. Sow lettuce seed in early spring for May harvest and late summer for autumn harvest.

**TIP 2:** Plant asparagus roots, seed potatoes, onions, cabbage, cauliflower, carrots, radishes, beets, and other root crops now.

**TIP 3:** The color yellow seems to attract gnats. Many of us complain about these pesky insects in the house this time of year. Place shallow bowls of water with a few drops of yellow food coloring near your plants to attract and drown gnats. You can also use Fertilome Indoor/Outdoor spray every 7 to 10 days to help eliminate the problem.

**TIP 4:** Fertilize spring-flowering bulbs such as tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths now by using a good bulb food. This helps prolong the blooming period and feeds the bulbs for years of enjoyment. Remember, never cut these bulbs down. By letting them die completely back on their own they feed themselves.

**TIP 5:** Weed prevention starts now! For the lawn use Ferti-Lome For All Seasons Lawn Food Plus Crabgrass and Weed Preventer. Use Hi-Yield Dimension ornamental weed & grass stopper around trees, shrubs, flowerbeds, & rock areas. Hi-Yield Treflan can be used in vegetable beds after seeds have emerged.

**TIP 6:** Remove debris from perennials and shrubs blown in by winter winds. It is easier now than when new growth starts in late April.

**TIP 7:** Spray your fruit trees with Fruit Tree Spray as soon as the flowers fade to control insects early.

**TIP 8:** Did you know you can start your tender crops such as tomatoes & peppers 4-6 weeks earlier by setting up an early season plant protector 10 days before planting? This will heat up the ground. Cucumbers, melons, and other tender plants will get a jumpstart.

**TIP 9:** Fireblight is easy to prevent. Spray Apples, Peaches, Pears, Hawthorn, Pyracantha, and Plums with Fertilome Fireblight Spray while they are in flower.

**TIP 10:** Don't forget to remove tree wrap from your trees this month.

**TIP 11:** Begin feeding your trees and shrubs this month. Use the proper fertilizers for each species of tree and shrub. Questions? Call us or come by to talk to an expert.

**TIP 12:** Feed roses now to ensure good flowering. Control insects and disease at the same time by using Ferti-lome Rose Food with systemic insecticide.

**TIP 13:** Begin planting perennials now. Poppies, Primrose, Shasta Daisies, Lupine, Columbine, and many other perennials can go out in the garden now.

**TIP 14:** April is a good month to use Fertilome Dormant Oil Spray, Horticultural Oil, or Tree & Shrub Drench on aspen, lilac, and ash trees to control scale and other pests.

**TIP 15:** Water lawn grass now, especially along sidewalks, driveways and on slope areas facing south and west.

**TIP 16:** Prune back leggy houseplants now before the spring flush of growth. Don't forget to fertilize them.

**TIP 17:** Over seed a thin lawn now as temperatures begin to warm up. Lightly rake areas to be seeded, exposing soil. Seed at a rate of 2 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. Cover seed with straw net or Fertilome Canadian Black Peat Moss. Water only enough to keep the surface moist.

**TIP 18:** Has your compost pile stopped cooking? Reactivate the microbes this month with a prepared compost maker product and get that decomposition started again. Use Hi-Yield Compost Maker for best results.

**TIP 19:** Don't neglect bird feeders now. Keep them filled and provide water nearby. The birds have to count on your generosity and the abundance of spring isn't here yet. Be sure to put up hummingbird feeders now to help attract them to your home.

# 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.

## Animal Repellents

We carry many products to help deter critters from creating frustration out of your hard garden work!

- Bonide Dog & Cat repellent and Bonide Snake Stopper
- Liquid Fence Mole repellent, Dog & Cat repellent, Snake Repellent, Deer & Rabbit repellent
- Hi-Yield Mole & Gopher Bait
- Tanglefoot Bird repellent and Bird Ribbon
- Rabbit Stopper
- Sticky Whitefly Traps and fly catchers
- Mosquito Bits and Dunks
- Easy Gardener natural defense owls



We also carry Blood Meal and Feather Meal as natural pest deterrents.

## 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.



**\$5 Off** Gallon-size Ferti-Lome Tree & Shrub Systemic Insect Drench.

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Our two store locations couldn't be more different from each other. But you can be sure both stores offer the same great service and quality that you have come to expect from Spencer's!

Here are just a few items that are featured at each store and a few items that are carried at both locations.

### Tejon Street location:

**Dramm Products**- Rain wands, hoses, sprinklers, and other brightly colored accessories are sure to catch your eye. The quality and selection are exceptional.

**Apollo Plastics**- This new line features deck and fence railing planters that require no screws or brackets to mount, are made of a highly durable polypropylene, and fit snugly on a 4" or 6" railing. You will love the great bright colors!

**Alpine Solar Stakes**- Come see these beautiful solar powered stakes perfect for yard and garden. They are cost effective, durable, and sure to add that extra touch to any garden space.

**Bond Garden Tools**- High quality, innovation, and great design brought us to these long handle gardening tools. We are certain you will appreciate the great price too!

**Austram Trellises**- Create a stunning vertical garden or use for roses or vines. Many styles and sizes available to suit most any area.

**Plant Nanny**- These specially designed glass globes will help keep plants watered whether you are away or not, and help keep you from over or under watering your plants. They also add beauty to any plant or pot.

### Fountain Store location:

**Pond Products**- We carry Laguna pond products as well as fish food, algacides, in-season pond plants, and other accessories to keep your pond working efficiently and fish and plants healthy and thriving.

**Nursery Stock**- We are proud to feature Fruit and Shade Trees. You will love the size, quality, and selection (not to mention price) of our well maintained trees. We carry shrubs, vines, and so much more.

**Propane**- We fill just about any size container and only charge you for what we fill.

**Citrus Trees**- Lemons, limes, oranges, kumquats and a few other citrus trees can brighten any patio in the summer. Be sure to bring these inside during the winter. Perfect for sunrooms, greenhouses, or other indoor sunny area.

**Giftcraft Wall Hangings**- We feature colorful outdoor wall décor to help enhance any outdoor area.

### Both Store Locations:

**Miniature Fairy Gardening**- New to both locations are fairy garden plants and miniatures to help create a fun fairy garden planter or pot.

**Ferti-lome Products**- We carry a full selection of lawn & garden fertilizers and chemicals that can solve just about any insect, disease, or problem you may encounter in your yard or garden.

**Fox Farm products**- A nationally recognized company featuring organic and natural ingredients that are custom blended and superior in quality and technology.

**Grass Seed**- We carry Poudre Valley grass seed mixtures that are blended for our area. We feature clover seed, Canadian Black Peat Moss, Straw-Net and other soils for seeding and top dressing.

**Seed Starting Supplies**- Start your seeds indoors for earlier planting outside. We have seed starting soils, pots, trays, seedling heat mats, and whatever else you may need.

We would love to help you with any and all of your lawn & gardening needs. Stop in to either location today.

## 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!



**20% OFF ALL SMART POTS**

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# 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. Get the spring season started with these amazing products! Comeback Formula Bush Doctor Boomerang helps reduce plant stress during temperature fluctuations and unintentional neglect.

**Flowers Kiss Bush Doctor** Flowers Kiss 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 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 will intensify flower fragrance, and increase essential oil production, which means stronger flavors in herbs, fruits, and vegetables.

**Grow Big** Grow Big 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 helps seed germination and may increase the uptake of important micronutrients.

**All-Purpose Happy Frog** All-Purpose Fertilizer is highly recommended for vegetable gardens, annual and perennial flower gardens, ornamental plantings, and all types of container gardening.

**Tomato and Vegetable Happy Frog** Tomato and Vegetable helps prevent blossom end rot and building stronger cell walls, making plants more disease resistant.

**Fruit and Flower Happy Frog** Fruit and Flower will encourage vigorous root systems, robust bud size, and multiple branching. Expect brighter colors, spellbinding scents, and delicious flavors.

**Rose Food Happy Frog** Rose Food includes linoleic acid which acts as a growth stimulant and helps produce higher yields. 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. Granulated and easy to use, it provides gentle, slow-release feedings all season long.

**Bat Guano Happy Frog** High Phosphorus Bat Guano fertilizer is long aged and has no odor. It contains natural bacteria and has properties that cannot be duplicated in a laboratory. It will deliver spectacular flowers and multiple bud development.

## Wall-O-Water Season Extenders

The growing season is upon us and it's time to start preparing your soil and setting up Wall O'Waters to help extend the growing period for many of our tender plants. Wall O'Waters are great for most vegetable plants but work extremely well for tomatoes, peppers, and squash. Plants can produce up to 30-40 days earlier and are protected from frost and cold down to 16 degrees f. Wall O'Waters are reusable and last 3-5 years. When setting up your Wall O'Waters use plants that are young to help reduce transplant shock. You can keep your Wall O'Waters up until 30-40 days after the last frost. It's not too early to get a head start and enjoy your garden even longer!



# Spring Lawn Care and Weed Control



Getting off on the right foot for spring is the key ingredient for a great looking lawn all year round. Not only can it keep weeds under control but will also provide you with a healthy, lush green lawn. First steps make for less yard work, headaches, and a stress-free summer. Don't be a slave to your yard! Here are some great products to help you achieve the yard of your dreams and help solve some problems we all seem to encounter at one time or another.

We recommend aeration first. Make sure you have watered well to help ensure a good deep core plugging. **Apply Soil Activator after aeration.** **Benefits of using Soil Activator**

- \*100% All Organic
- \*Enhances root development
- \*Little or no increase frequency of mowing
- \*Improves soil structure (tight soils may become crumblier and mellower)
- \*Promotes thatch decomposition
- \*Releases locked in nutrients
- \*Better resistance to stress
- \*University tested to reduce irrigation up to 75%



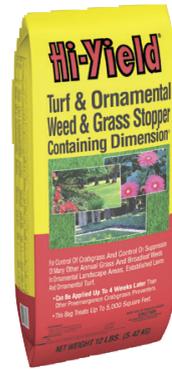
**Fertilize before May 15 with Ferti-Lome All Season fertilizer.** This high quality feed contains a pre-emergent that will

not let seeds germinate in your lawn. For best results application should be followed by 1/2 inch of rainfall or irrigation. Two things to remember about this product are: 1) do not put down grass seed because it will not germinate with this fertilizer and 2) it will not kill existing weeds such as dandelion, clover, or unwanted grasses that are already green.

**For Broad-leafed weeds that are already actively growing in your lawn apply Ferti-lome Weed-Free Zone.** This liquid will attack those unwanted weeds quickly. This innovative product can be used in cooler temperatures, as low as 45 degrees at time of application. You will see results in as little as 24-48 hours, even on troublesome weeds. Kills roots and all.

**After the first week of April you can apply Ferti-lome F-Stop Systemic Fungicide.** Many of us have had problems with fungus in our lawns or are experiencing snow mold or other fungus issues.

F-Stop controls the most wide range of funguses of any product today, including leaf spot, brown patch, dollar spot, and necrotic ring spot, just to name a few.



Each bag covers up to 2600 square feet. If you have had fungus problems in the past don't be afraid to apply it a little heavier.

**To help prevent against weeds in turf and garden areas apply Hi-Yield Dimension.** You can use

this product every 6-8 weeks throughout the growing season. In garden areas you can begin anytime and in the turf about the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. Remember Dimension is a great product to help prevent undesirable weeds in rock areas, driveways, and gravel paths.

**If you already have weeds coming up in these areas spray them with Hi-Yield Killzall.** Killzall will kill anything green it touches. It will not leach into the soil and kill desired plants. You can spray right up to the desired plant as long as it does not come into contact with the leaf or blade.

Remember to watch for bugs as the temperatures begin to get warmer. Stop in and let us help you should this problem arise. We are sure to have the right products for all of your lawn and garden needs.

# Spencer's Soil Sale

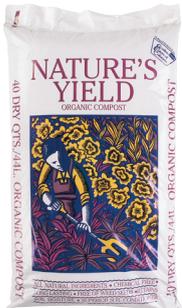
## we sell SOIL, not dirt!

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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](http://www.spencersgardens.com), like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!



### Nature's Yield Organic Compost



**SALE PRICE**  
**\$6.98 ea.**  
reg. \$8.98 per bag

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### Earth Essentials Soils



Top Soil, Cow, and Compost  
**YOUR CHOICE**

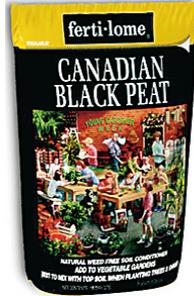
3 for **\$9.98**

Sheep, Peat and Compost  
**NOW ONLY**

3 for **\$11.98**

**Earth Essentials** soils will guarantee your gardening success!  
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### FertiLome Canadian Black Peat Moss



**SALE**  
**3 or more**  
**\$9.98 ea.**

reg. \$11.98 ea  
This will be our lowest price of the season! It's a great time to stock up!

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### Spencers Proudly Features FertiLome Potting Soil

Tested The Best Potting Soil by Colorado State University!

### FertiLome Ultimate Potting Mix...

SIZE	REG. PRICE	SALE PRICE
50 quart	\$14.98	\$12.98
25 quart	\$11.98	\$9.98



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### Fertilome Ultimate Potting Mix 3 cu. ft. bags



Best price of the year!  
**SUPER SALE**  
**3 for \$19.98 ea.**  
reg. \$24.98 per bag

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### Bark Large & Medium 2 cu. ft. bag



**SALE**  
**3 for \$21.98**  
reg. \$8.98 per bag

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### Spencers Soil



**SALE**  
**Buy 3 or more for \$9.98 ea.**  
reg. \$11.98 per bag

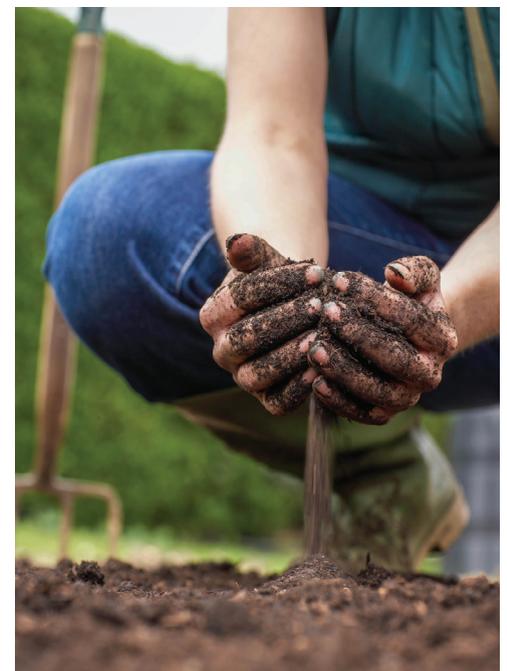
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### Gorilla Hair Mulch & Soil Pep 2 cu. ft. bags



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**3 for \$23.98**  
reg. \$9.98 per bag

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## All soils are not created equal!



It's important to use soil properly to maximize growth potential for the plants you place in it.

For instance, top soil should be used for raising elevation in garden areas because it lacks richness and nutrients that are vital for vigorous plant growth. Adding fertilizer is not enough; it's similar to eating a diet of potato chips but taking vitamins. It's not enough to maintain health and vitality.

**Canadian Black Peat** loosens heavy clay soil found in our area, adds body to sandy soil, saves water by holding moisture, and reduces runoff of nutrients in the soil, releasing them over time. Apply a thin layer over grass seed to help maintain moisture levels and help the seed germinate. Mix in with your compost pile to help decomposition and reduce odors.

**Spencer's Soil** is a fantastic blend of coconut coir, peat moss, and organic compost perfect for our area. It's rich in nutrients and holds moisture to help reduce watering. It's great in flower and vegetable beds and light enough for pots and containers. If you're planting trees and shrubs, it's the perfect soil amendment!

**Nature's Yield Compost** is a 100%

organic compost that is great for all sorts of planting. Mixed with existing soil just before planting, it can help reduce transplant shock, create more vibrant colors in your flowers, and result in better tasting larger vegetables and fruit with increased yield.

**Cotton boll compost** is a wonderful soil amendment for all types of garden beds. It is a great food source for beneficial soil organisms. Those organisms convert nutrients in soil to a form plants can use, help aerate the soil, and keep harmful diseases and organisms in check. Till in to the garden for large beds or use mixed with native soil when planting trees and shrubs.

**Earth Essentials Sheep, Peat, & Compost and Cow & Compost** are blends that are great for tilling

into garden beds. The nutrients and natural fertilizers will give your plants the healthy support they need while breaking up clay soils and retaining moisture.

For pots and container gardening, **Fertilome's Ultimate Potting Mix** is unbeatable. It resists compaction and is light enough to start seedlings, yet rich enough to grow gorgeous flowers and giant tomatoes.

Never forget the importance of mulching! We carry **gorilla mulch and bark** in several sizes to complement your landscape while retaining water and cooling roots.

Let a Spencer's employee know what soils you need and we will be happy to load them in your vehicle. Stock up now during the best deal of the season!

# Hardy Boy introduces 10 NEW annual varieties!

By Debi Borden-Miller, Hardy Boy plants



**Canna CannaSol Cleo** - #1 in Hardy Boy's summer flower trials! This is an outstanding dwarf canna with spectacular orange blooms with yellow edges. The bright green foliage contrasts nicely with the flowers. It's perfect for containers or where short cannas can be used.

**Begonia Illumination Apricot Shades** - #2 in Hardy Boy's summer flower trials. Stunning, large, yellow/apricot flowers are this Begonia's claim-to-fame. The trailing plant habit is great for hanging baskets or containers in shade or part shade. Average watering is recommended as they would prefer even moisture, but not wet.

**Salvia Sallyfun Blue** - Salvias are great for Colorado conditions. Sallyfun Blue bears long blooming, deep blue, spikey flowers with excellent garden performance. This salvia is water-wise, deer resistant, and attracts hummingbirds and butterflies. Sallyfun likes full sun with average to dry soil conditions.

**Petunia Ray Salmon** - Unique extra-large salmon color flowers on well-branched (which means full and bushy), compact plants. It's great in a full sun landscape. Petunias do well with average to dry watering.

**Impatiens Bounce & Big Bounce series** - Both of these series are Downy Mildew resistant, so they don't succumb to the diseases that regular impatiens do. They have excellent weather tolerance and bounce back well from a missed watering. Perfect in patio pots, baskets, or garden borders, both series of Bounce are covered with blooms all summer. They thrive in sun and shade. Big Bounce is more vigorous, making it great in larger containers and beds. Both need average water.

**Stachys Lilac Falls** - This is a unique, durable plant for hanging baskets and containers. It blooms continuously from spring to fall. Growing only 2-3 inches tall, it can be used as a groundcover too! Lilac Falls prefers sun to part shade. Average to dry watering is best. Look for it in hanging baskets!

**Lantana Bandana Landscape series** - Comes in Gold, Pink, or Red flowering. Its vigorous spreading habit is ideal for larger landscape beds and large containers. The Bandana Landscape series shows excellent performance in hot summer conditions. Lantana likes full sun and dry to average watering conditions.

**Osteospermum Blue Eyed Beauty** - The unique flowers are bright yellow with blue centers. Prune lightly after flowering to maintain shape and encourage new blooms. Put Osteospermum in sun, but choose a spot where lawn or other plants surround it, as it would prefer a slightly cooler area where it isn't against brick or concrete. They like average moisture.

**Verbena Blues series** - Lavender Eye, Purple Eye, Rose Eye. The early large flowers all have a white dominant eye. These heat-loving verbenas grow best in full sun and attract bees and butterflies. Average watering is best for the first couple weeks then they can go dry between waterings.

**Petunia Easy Wave Velour series** - The large flowers of Berry, Burgundy, or Red are all rich, velvety undertones with darker throats. The fast growing plants bloom freely all season. Velours are very easy to maintain and are great in landscape beds and containers. Plant in full sun with average to dry water.

## Don't be late with early season planting!

Spring can be a scary time to plant- you don't want to lose your promising investments! Not to worry, there are a lot of vegetables that will survive the turbulent weather patterns with just a little help. Lettuces do better in cooler temperatures. In fact, growing lettuce in the heat makes it bitter. Simply cut what you need for your salad and let it grow again! Plant it as a border of your garden but make sure it has access to full sun and won't get trampled by people or animals. Broccoli, cabbage, spinach, radishes, peas, asparagus, and onions can be safely planted around April 15th, two to four weeks before the average last frost. These plants grow in temperatures as cool as 40 degrees and can survive frost and even snow. You can also plant chives and horseradish. Chives are one of the first plants to emerge from the snow once they've been established. You'll enjoy the early purple flowers and bees as spring begins. Horseradish and shallots can be harvested whenever the ground isn't frozen. Rhubarb stalks can be pulled as early as the beginning of June. Just a couple weeks later, get ready to plant your beets, carrots, cauliflower, parsley, parsnips, potatoes, and Swiss chard. These crops will grow in temperatures of 45-50 degrees but don't have quite the cold tolerance. Planting potatoes in a black or dark vertical tub will help keep them protected until temperatures rise. Of course, plan to have a backup in case of an extreme weather event. Dewitt Plant Blankets, old sheets, buckets, and other covers offer protection from heavy snow and frosts. If you just can't wait to get your hands dirty, start with these cool season crops!



## Pro-Rich Fertilizer that makes the difference... Naturally.



Pro-Rich is the premium formula of Richlawn fertilizer developed in conjunction with Colorado State University. Pro-Rich offers all of the benefits of traditional fertilizers plus all of the following:

- Improves soil structure and disease resistance
- Assists in balancing soil PH
- Made for Colorado's unique soil conditions
- Helps reduce thatch • Promotes a stronger root system
- Organically based, making it safe for pets and children
- Pro-Rich contains iron and sulfur promoting a lush dark green blade

Pro-Rich contains dehydrated poultry waste which releases slowly over time. With continued use your lawn will become thicker and crowd out weeds and undesirable grasses. The longer Pro-Rich is used on your lawn, the better it will perform. Due to its organic base, millions of microbes are present in your soil, improving its physical characteristics, and making a better foundation for root growth. Try a bag of Pro-Rich for yourself and witness the results firsthand.

## Weeds love spring, too...



Weeds don't wait for the heat to arrive so you shouldn't have to wait to take them out efficiently. **Ferti-lome's Weed Free Zone** can be used in cool weather, as low as 45 degrees at time of application, so it's perfect for this time of year. You'll see results in just 24 hours on troublesome broadleaf weeds like bindweed, spurge, and clover.

## Proper care for spring-blooming bulbs

Caring for spring blooming bulbs is a chore that often gets neglected. Fall plantings need special attention now to ensure better and longer flowering time, and to help them thrive for years to come. Water often and thoroughly this



time of year if there's no snow cover, especially on areas close to pavement. Fertilize with bulb food, bone meal, or triple super-phosphate when bulbs emerge, when they are in full-bloom, and when they are dying back. Don't remove the leaves once the flowers have faded. Allowing the leaves to die back naturally provides valuable food reserves for the bulb. If they are cut back prematurely, the bulbs may not bloom the following year. When the leaves and stalks pull off easily without disturbing the soil, they are ready to be cleared.



# 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!



## Miniature Garden Kits

We are featuring two miniature garden kits that come complete with everything you need to get started! Our gnome and fairy miniature garden kits are perfect for the beginner. Simply provide your own container, soil, and plants, then add the fairy garden kit with accessories to make it your own. No need to shop around for little fairy garden items, these kits make it easy. A fairy garden can be used with indoor or outdoor plants, even herbs! You can add rocks, shells, or other fun things you may have at home to enhance your miniature garden. Our Fountain location has lots of accessories and miniature buildings to reflect your gnome's... or your... favorite pastimes. Fairy gardening is a popular hobby and a fun activity to share with children or grandchildren. This is 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.



## Get down to the roots!

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!



## Composting Made Easy

It seems that everyone is composting these days. Businesses, hospitals, and restaurants have realized the importance and ease of composting, joining gardeners in the quest to reduce the impact of our food waste on the environment. Following a few simple steps creates a rich, nutrient-filled soil supplement that will make your garden healthy and vibrant for no extra cost. The soil will benefit from the increased water holding capacity and aeration; the plants will enjoy the natural fertilizer and resistance to disease and stress.



Put 2 parts green and 1 part brown into a compost bin with some compost maker (optional) and water to the consistency of a wrung-out sponge. Turn every 7-10 days, adding water as needed. If your compost pile starts to smell rotten, add more brown matter. Expect fresh, free, ready to use compost in as little as 3 weeks, longer if you add to the pile.

### Greens: Soft and damp material

- **Kitchen scraps:** vegetable & fruit leftovers, melon rinds, eggshells, coffee grounds & filter, tea bags

- **Green garden debris:** green leaves, fresh grass clippings, pulled weeds that haven't seeded

### Composted manure

- **Browns:** Coarse and dry material

- **Yard waste:** dry leaves, dry grass clippings, chopped twigs, sawdust, shredded newspaper, dryer lint, straw

- **Never:** Animal fat, bones, meat scraps, Wood ash, Pine Needles

## Protect your plants with Frost Protek plant covers!

Frost Protek covers come in two sizes and are easy to use and reusable. You invest so much of your time and money into gardening, so why not protect them from all the elements? With Frost Protek you can enjoy your plants longer and maximize your investment. You can easily protect your plants from wind, hail, cool weather, and even critters such as deer, rabbits, squirrels, and insects. Start tomatoes sooner so that you can enjoy them earlier. Cover young seedlings for insulation against harsh weather.

Keep birds away from your berries. Maximize your veggie crop by using them in spring and fall for cool weather protection. They can also be used to help prevent hail damage. Great for hanging baskets and container gardens! Frost Protek covers are lightweight, breathable, and reusable for several seasons.

We also carry **DeWitt seed and plant guard blankets** to help protect plants in rows or groupings. These lightweight and medium weight blankets are 10x12 each and protect against light frost and cooler temperatures. All covers are designed for short term protection and must be removed for plant growth.



## 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.



## Hummingbirds

Hummingbirds are migrating soon and coming to a garden near you! If you want them to make an appearance in your yard, here are a few ways to encourage them! Hang a hummingbird feeder in a place that is at least partially unobstructed around April 15. Remember to change the sugar solution every 3 days! Plant a hanging window basket filled with nasturtium, petunias, and fuchsia. A pot featuring dahlias, zinnias, snapdragons, and salvia will bring them to your patio. Though April might be a bit early to have a big flower display, when the hummers return in early July to migrate back there will be plenty of color to impress them.

Incorporate some hummingbird attracting plants to your garden. Use a variety of perennials that will bloom at different times in the season. Try columbine and bleeding heart early in the season and bee balm, delphinium, and penstemon for mid-season blooms. For late blooming attractants, plant butterfly weed, Russian sage, and foxglove. Morning glory, honeysuckle, and trumpet creeper are vines that will keep hummingbirds coming your way.

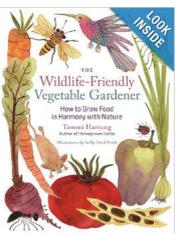
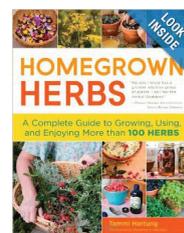
It's important to avoid the use of pesticides, as they also poison hummingbirds. Spiders and other insects are an important part of the hummingbirds diet, especially when they have a brood to feed. If you need a pesticide, check with a garden center for help with choosing an organic control and spot treat only the places that need it.



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### Homegrown Herbs:

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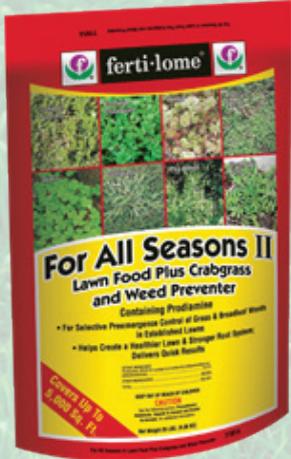
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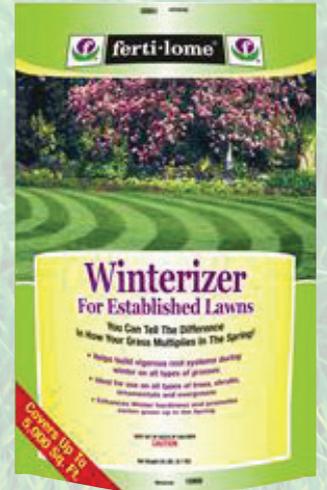


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- Apply March - Mid May
- Wakes up lawn with slow feeding
- Prevents crabgrass
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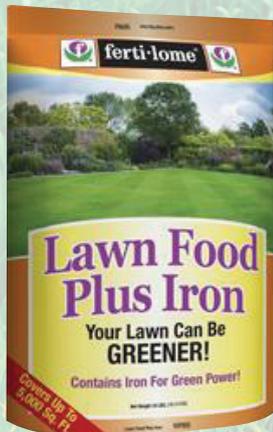
#### Winterizer

- Apply Oct. - Dec.
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- Provides nutrients all winter



#### Lawn Food Plus Iron

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- Helps maintain a thick, rich, lawn
- Iron provides strong green color



#### Classic Lawn Food

- Apply July/August - Sept.
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- Won't burn in the heat

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