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Happy Plants, Healthy Plants

The old adage states, “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure”. There are a few simple things we can do to keep our plants healthy and happy, preventing the expense of treating a diseased plant.

Of course the right light exposure and the correct moisture jump to mind first, but this month we’ll zero in on soil additives (the minerals and organics that make our flower beds a welcome spot where a plant can thrive).

Here are a few suggestions:

- Ph -know your plant’s preferences. Example-azaleas, hollies, rhododendrons, camellias, and hydrangeas prefer acid soil which can be accomplished by adding aluminum sulphate or soil sulpher. Peonies, candytuft, clematis prefer a more basic or sweet soil. Just add lime. An inexpensive test kit can help determine your soil’s acidity.
- Yellow leaves—chlorosis is a nutrient deficiency resulting in yellow leaves in some evergreens such as azaleas, gardenias and boxwoods. If you have applied a good fertilizer with micronutrients and the conditions hasn’t improved try Iron+, magnesium sulphate, or copperas.
- MRroots—Is a microrhizza inoculant that coats the soil surface below the mulch and the roots of the plants with a good fungi (Did you know there was such a thing as good fungi). We’ve found this helps the plants to flourish.

Plant or energy saving

With energy bills rising we can look outside for ways to lower our energy costs. Here is my quick list of how the landscape can help save money:

- Plant a wind break to the north or northwest of your home. It should be dense and tall. Try Nelle R. Stevens Holly, Cherry Laurel or Southern Magnolia.
- To lower cooling costs plant deciduous trees to the east and west of your home shading windows in the summer. They will lose leaves in the winter to let in warming winter rays.
- Don’t forget to shade your air conditioning units. This can save 10% on the utility bill in warm weather.
- Planting shade trees along your driveway and parking pads keeps the asphalt from reflecting heat toward the home.



It’s Time to

- Plant tulips, daffodils, hyacinths & crocus
- Plant trees, shrubs & groundcovers
- Lightly fertilize landscape beds
- Mulch if needed
- Get rakes and leaf blowers

You are cordially invited to attend

Morris Nursery’s

Annual Christmas Open House

Sunday November 2, 2008

From 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Come view our new lines and designs, taste our gourmet delights and sign up for door prizes drawn all afternoon.