

**Beaver Creek Nursery**

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**NEWSLETTER**

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Wake up! Wake up!.... it's almost  
Springtime!....cock-a-doodle doo!

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Yep, that's me, your local rooster here, crowing!!

As most of you know by now, when spring gets close MY ears perk up and my skinny little tail starts a wigglin' like crazy!! Can't help it! I just get as happy and as giggly as a little school girl! It's "my" most favorite time of year! I Know, some people like Fall....or Summer...or Winter the best, but for me it's SPRING!!!

Wait...Wait...did I just hear somebody say " Well how do you know Spring is almost here Mr. Know it all Smarty Pants???"

Well-I-I, I'm glad you asked! Uh....How about I looked at the calendar and saw that the first day of Spring is Sunday March 20th?... Duh!

And, besides that there are also a couple of tell tale signs going on right now thanks to Ma Nature also.

For one....



....the Buzzards or Turkey Vultures are back!!!

These great carrion carnivores ( dead, decaying, meat eaters) that seem to live in the middle of the road along with the "flatter looking" possum and raccoon to name but a couple are also extremely susceptible to prolonged cold temperatures. If you stop and think about it, you never see them around in the winter. Soooo....when you start to see them having a "double yellow, center line" family re-union or just an old fashioned field feast....well YOU JUST KNOW Spring is right around the corner!! .....AND....they are BACK!!

and Also.... just for the record....



now don't they make a cute couple!

.....although these critters may be about the ugliest birds on the planet, believe it or not, they are absolutely the cleanest ones also.

and secondly....





Although a few Robins may spend the winter around here feasting on berries and the like most of them head south for the warmer and more enjoyable winter climates. So...again, when you start seeing a bunch more of these lovely ladies and gentlemen, YOU KNOW Spring is just itchin' to get here.

Now....having spent so much time trying to convince you as to why I know Spring is really close....

Let's

get a closer look at the rest of this month's Newsletter



ya like my "Au' Natural" Nose Ring???

Ok, Ok...Moving right along here.....

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Now, with the hope of NOT being redundant but being helpful, especially to those just joining us here...

# March To Do's

1. Sharpen all of your pruning equipment. Dull pruning shears do not cut! They shred, tear, mangle and mutilate your landscape investments which also provides nasty places for disease and insect infestations to start.

2. Prune all your landscape plants this month while they are still dormant except for azaleas, lilacs, forsythia, "big leaf hydrangeas" (lace caps and mop heads with the darker green rough serrated edged leaves) and anything else I missed here that blooms in the spring. But, remember to prune these Spring bloomers within 3 weeks after they finish blooming since they will need the entire year to store up goodies to be able to bloom again next spring.

Also, if you did not prune your Spruce trees late last fall and still want to then get to it ASAP. Remember, when pruning the central leader on top, try not to cut it to less than 10-12" long as any shorter will probably force growth out through the middle and make it grow more squatty looking. Unless of course you want the squatty look!

3. Clean up all your pruning debris and other winter junk and fall left overs that have accumulated around your plants and in the beds.

4. Fertilize all your plants with at least a 12-12-12 fertilizer or a time release formulation like Osmocote would be even better. Younger trees need only be fertilized every 2 years. Also remember to fertilize your evergreens with a more acidic fertilizer. If you are in doubt just come to the Nursery as we have exactly what you need here. Fertilization should be done when soil temps reach at least 40 degrees. Probably around the 3rd week this year depending on Ma Nature of course.

5. Apply a pre-emergent weed inhibitor such as Preen or Treflan.  
**Hint:** Treflan is less expensive and available here at the Nursery. Remember, it is extremely important to apply either oof these prior to a nice soaking rain or beneath your mulch as it becomes ineffective after 48 hours of being exposed to sunlight.

6. Apply mulch around your plants but no more than 3" deep and remember to keep the mulch at least 5-6" away from the trunks of



trees. Too much mulch is as bad or worse than too little.

7. Prune fruit trees, grape vines and any ornamental trees that do not bloom in the spring.

8. If you are a DIY lawn taker care of type of person then this month is the time to apply "Dimension" pre-emergent to your lawn to prevent any crabgrass from showing it's nasty ugly head. Sometime around mid month to 3rd week would be good. Whenever the Forsythia are blooming would be about right. And, remember, it is NOT necessary to fertilize your lawn in the early spring especially if you already did so the previous Fall. BTW....Fall is the best time for feeding your lawn. Hint: We have Dimension and spring lawn 19-0-5 fertilizer/ Dimension combination available here at the Nursery. Great one step process with more bang for your buck.

9. Remove any tree wrap you may have had on the trunks of your trees to prevent scalding due to the overheating of the bark.

10. Clean out your bird houses! Important task for our fine feathered friends. Cleanliness is next to Godliness you know! Besides, what mother would want to sleep and give birth in a filthy, nasty, second hand bed still covered with somebody's used, last years sheets and bedding???? Now Really...Think about it!!!!...YUK!!

and REMEMBER...

Our Landscape Design, Installation and/or Maintenance crew is always here to help make your dreams and desires a reality!

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## Something New!

We've changed something here at the Nursery!

Before



My bad! Forgot to take the photo while the old wall was still in place!

Duh!

Before



Again...Duh!!

and

After





well, still have a little bit of gravel to move

Yep! The old "railroad tie" wall served us well for over 16 years but time, weather and our watering and personnel abuse over these years had finally taken its toll. So, we decided it was finally time to build something nice and new for ourselves for a change. Now, when you pull in the driveway you can enjoy a more modern and yet still rustic NEW wall built using Allan Block retaining wall block.

Hope you like it!

And remember....

We can build one for you also!

See you all Soon!!

IT'S "ALMOST" SPRING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



YEE HAAAAAAA!!!

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### **A Closing Thought**

"Your dream doesn't have an expiration date."



Take a deep breath and try again!"

....anonymous

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