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Just as the photo above, I, at this moment, am only half awake but feel this definite need to get this Newsletter out.

Sorry if it may seem a bit short and lacking my usual format BUT it is 4:30 am on Thursday May 5th (I like that number) and we have had computer problems for the last week thanks to Hughes Net our ONLY possible computer connection service being 9 miles from civilization. This is the first chance I have had to get on here and hope that this technology stays functioning long enough to finish this. If you find an error or ??? then please blame it on the 21st century and not my lack of morning coffee.

Now, out of fear of shutdown I will get right to it.

May "To Do's"

1. Lilacs will be finished blooming so be sure to prune them back as much as you like up to 1/3 the height within 2-3 weeks after they are finished as they need the rest of the year to store up enough goodies to bloom all perty for you next spring. Same goes for Weigelas, Quince, Azaleas, Rhododendrums and anything else I am forgetting that is in bloom now or finishing up blooming such as Viburnum.
2. Time for your second application of lawn fertilizer with weed killer in it. You know....the good stuff we sell here (15-0-5 with Viper).
3. It's that time of year again for Aphids to go on their rampage so check your plants for these tiny insects. Especially susceptible are Burning bushes, spirea and Birch trees. For more information on these little destructive critters [click here](#) and view a previous Newsletter article.

4. Don't forget to fertilize your plants and put down pre-emergent.

and

5. Don't forget that the last 2 weeks of this month and the first 2-3 weeks of June are the only time to successfully kill those nasty Bagworms hanging in your evergreens and getting ready to do this



Bagworm damage



Inside this suspended little "tree house" resides one of 3 things.
Either 500 - 1000 tiny eggs about to be released onto your unsuspecting
tree or plant in late May or early June or depending on the time of year
you may find



Bagworm Larva

This larva is either a female that never leaves the bag and just "hangs" out
(haha) waiting to lay eggs in or around August that will overwinter in this
bag or it is a male which will become



male bagworm

This male then flies to the nearest female for a quick dinner, drinks, courtship and.....uh uhand are rarely seen. Yes, males of any species can be very sneaky when it comes to mating. Did I just say that???? hmmm

And then the exhausted male falls to the ground and dies! Good reason to be very cautious of a female carrying "extra baggage". haha

Of course in all fairness, the female then lays these hundreds of eggs and she herself dies. Eggs stay in the bag overwinter and the cycle starts again in late May.

So, you can either pick or cut these bags off of your plants when you see them or you can eradicate them in late May to early June with an insecticide. Use either a product with an active ingredient of Acephate or Malathion both of which are available here at the Nursery. The important thing here is the timing as the insecticide will not penetrate the bag. You must do it in late May and again in early June to catch the little newborns out crawling around or beginning to nest themselves.

SO...there ya have it! Now it's time for me to do like this little larva....



and take a little nap....4:30 was awful early...

IMPORTANT!!!!

For all of you who read this Newsletter....

Here is

an Important.....



HEADS UP!!

This Friday, Saturday and Sunday is our annual
Mother's Day weekend sale.

All Trees and Shrubs are

20% OFF!!

So....watch the derby, kiss your mother and
somewhere in those 3 days, grab your wallet and

come spend a little

less

than normal!!

A Closing Thought

Life was much easier when Apple and Blackberry were
just fruits!

....I don't have a clue who said it but Amen!

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