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Top Ten: Flower Seeds That Could Be Mistaken For Medical Conditions

10. Gaillardia
9. Scabiosa
8. Convolvulus
7. Phacelia
6. Celosia
5. Gazania
4. Coleus
3. Wahlenbergia
2. Laurentia
1. Trailing Soapwort

Alex Rodriguez of the New York Yankees salary for one year (28 million) is more than the entire Florida Marlins baseball team (22 million).

Pond Scum!

Want to catch some fish from your pond, but all you can catch is salad? Thought you may have seen the Loch Ness monster only to find out it was a gigantic lily pad? Got as many weeds in your pond as you do in your garden? Put an end to all of that with our complete line of pond chemicals—remember, getting an early start is important.

AQUASHADE is the only EPA registered product for weed and algae prevention. It reflects sunlight, which reduces vegetation growth. Early application is critical as this product works by preventing growth, not killing it. **1 gallon \$45.00**

Dosage Rates: 1 gallon treats 4-acre feet (equivalent to 1 surface acre that averages 4 feet deep) Reapply when color begins to lighten. Usually 2 or 3 applications are necessary annually.

COPPER SULFATE is a simple copper compound that has been used to control algae for years. This chemical kills any algae it comes in contact with and is very fast acting. Copper sulfate is not especially effective in hard waters and there are no restrictions on water usage.

5# \$31.50 50# \$108.50

Dosage Rates: Application rates vary according to the organisms targeted.

CUTRINE PLUS GRANULAR is recommended for use against bottom growing algae. Ideal for spot treating around piers and beaches. No water use restrictions. **30# \$65.00**

Dosage Rates: 60lbs per surface acre of water.

CUTRINE PLUS LIQUID remains active in the water up to 15 times longer than copper sulfate. No water use restrictions. **1 gallon \$38.00**

Dosage Rates: 0.6-1.2 gallons per acre foot when water temperatures are above 60 degrees F. Reapply at first sign of regrowth...usually about once a month.

KILLZALL AQUATIC HERBICIDE is an Aquatic Glyphosate. Can be used in and around aquatic areas as well as on non-aquatic weeds and brush. Must be used with a surfactant like CIDEKICK. Water in treatment area has no restrictions for swimming, irrigation, or consumption.

1 Qt \$29.95

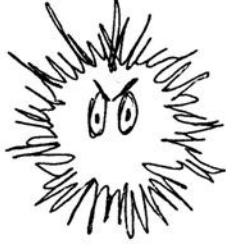
Dosage Rates: Generally 2 or 3 ounces and 2 or 3 ounces of surfactant per gallon of water.

CIDEKICK is a non-ionic surfactant that helps the chemical "stick" to the vegetation.

1 Qt \$17.50

To determine water volume (acre feet):
[length (ft) x width (ft) x ave. depth (ft)]/43560=Acre Feet

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Jackie "Jaggedy" Markins

Jackie has worked at the mill for 13 years and still enjoys her job! She spends her days "shopping" for items to stock the store, everything from serious items for animal health to fun items like dog toys & treats. She gets excited when she finds a new, interesting item for the mill to carry, right now she is on a quest to find as many items that are "Made in America" as she can. If there is an item you think we should carry that is "Made in America", let Jackie know and she will research the possibilities.

Little Known Facts:

- Jackie is a Grandma to 6 year old Jaden and 7 month old Carson.
- Jackie's son is an Armorer in the Marines and is stationed in Iraq.
- She has enough food in her desk drawer to feed a family of four for several weeks.

Carhartt News

Dexter Mill customers who purchase any Carhartt between April 7th and April 12th will also receive a FREE GIFT (Carhartt sunglasses, H2O bottles, or key chains, while supplies last). The Carhartt items you buy don't have to be arctic lined bibs or hooded sweatshirts either... with warm weather right around the corner, you can purchase shorts, T-shirts and hats...both mens and womens.

There are still some selected winter Carhartts at 30%- 60% off!

The Greenhouse Effect

Beginning April 19th (give or take a few snow days) the Dexter Mill will have a new & improved greenhouse. Not only will this years version have all the great annual, perennials and vegetables you've come to know and love, but it will now have an indoor driving range, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, not to mention a complete wet bar and a nightly laser light show...coincidentally, our expanded Spring hours begin April 19th. We will be open 'till 5 pm on Saturdays instead of 1 pm. (Some of the preceding may have been an April Fools joke).

Chick Orders

You can still order chicks! Orders for May 13th pick-up must be placed by May 3rd.

Dirty Little Secrets

The Master Gardeners from the M.S.U. Extension will be here at the Mill on Saturday, April 5, April 12, April 19, and April 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. taking soil samples from customers and answering questions you may have about, well, soil stuff.

Contest Winner

This month's "Caption the Picture" contest was won by Heartthrob Rob, who coincidentally used to help with the newsletter 10 years ago. He's absolutely thrilled about winning the gardener starter kit.

We flew in defiance

We forgot those who went before us.
They too had been warned, and lost.
But we were never formally introduced
Grounded they shall stay
For we have taken the sky.

—Chopper Dan

Booming Housing Market!

Don't let the gloomy housing market news get you down...now is the perfect time to buy and we have a wide variety of homes to choose from, including wren, bluebird and wood duck houses, and Purple Martin apartment complexes. They all make perfect Mother's Day gifts. Here are a few tips and tidbits to help you with your home buying decisions.

Bluebirds are members of the thrush family, and are very beneficial to us, eating lots of insects, including cutworms and grasshoppers, which are damaging to crops and gardens. They were once very common in the U.S., however, over the last century their numbers have dramatically declined due to loss of habitat, overuse of pesticides and predators. Mount bluebird houses 4-5' off the ground, away from human habitats as far as possible. It's also a good idea to provide water and nesting material such as soft grasses and pine needles situated in an empty suet feeder.

Wood Ducks prefer low mounted houses on posts (6' from opening to ground) near a source of water if possible. Due to predators, it's a good idea to install some sort of predator guard on the post below the house. Contrary to popular belief, Wood Ducks are not made of wood.

Basically, the difference between a bluebird and wren house is the size of the front door, with the wren's door being smaller. Wren are not terribly shy, and will defend their homes loudly and aggressively.

Purple Martins are the largest members of the swallow family. East of the Rockies, they are totally dependent on humans for housing. The male and female share in the nest-building duties. Both parents feed the young for 26-32 days. Light colored houses attract Martins best, and also keep the chicks cooler. Houses should be mounted approx. 15' above the ground. Martins eat only flying insects, but contrary to popular belief, do *not* eat mosquitoes. One time, one ate a mosquito, but quickly spit it back out. Martins feed high in the sky during the day- mosquitoes hang out very near the ground when they're not hanging out on the back of your neck.