SEASONAL INFORMATION

By mid May you should be applying the systemic insecticide granules around plants that are prone to Japanese beetle attacks. The beetles will be hatching and swarming soon. Beetle traps only attract the beetles to your area so if you put them in your yard place them away from the plants they like.

Continue fertilizing all plants, i.e., perennials, trees, shrubs, bulbs with Hollytone. The organic matter will build up in your beds and will really encourage new growth on all your plants.

We have received our shipment of 5-10-31 plus iron lawn fertilizer. This should be the last fertilizer application to your lawn until fall.

Remember to deep water all new plantings of trees and shrubs at least 1-2 times a week thru the summer. A quick moving thunderstorm does not count. The water usually runs off too quickly to benefit the roots.

Remove dead heads on annual flowers to encourage new blooms. All pots and baskets of annuals should be fertilized at least every two weeks to keep the bloom cycle going until frost and keep the foliage healthy and green.

We have had some folks already spotting aphids on roses. We have a rose fertilizer with systemic insecticide that can be sprinkled on the ground around the roses and watered in. When the varmints start chewing they will ingest the poison. We also have a 3 way spray for flowers, roses and vegetables that is an insecticide, miticide and fungicide. This fungicide will control black spot on the foliage.

When watering your plants including your vegetable garden, try to water as early in the day as possible. You do not want plants going into the night time with damp foliage. This will promote fungus problems. The same is true for your lawn.