

# TIMBERLINE GARDENS

Gardening news, savings & special events  
Fall 2006

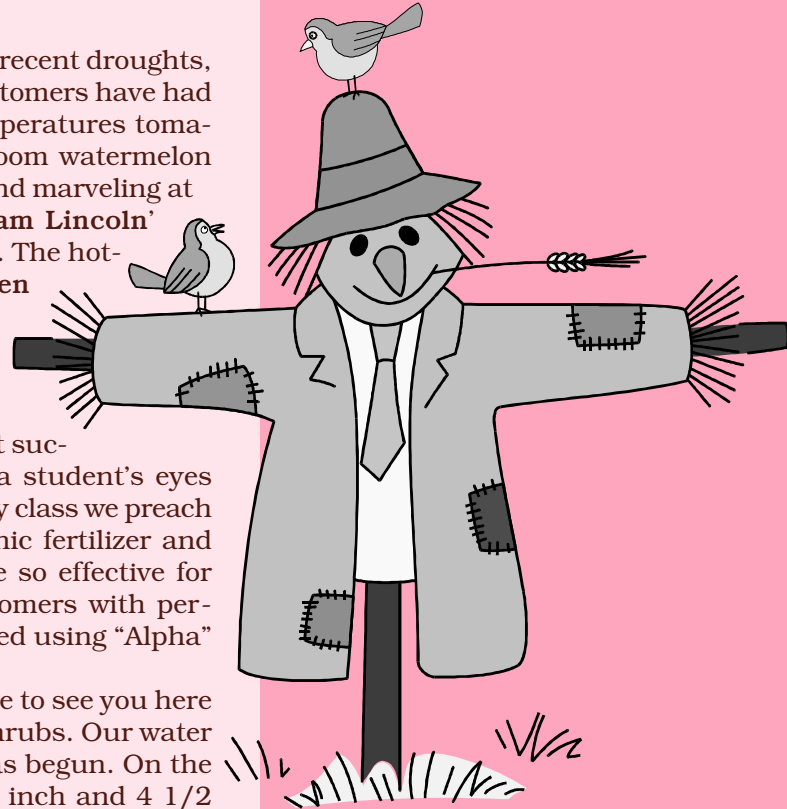
IT'S BEEN A GREAT YEAR FOR GARDENING! Despite recent droughts, flea beetle infestations and hail storms most of my customers have had a great season. With warmer than average night temperatures tomatoes and melons are flourishing. I planted an old heirloom watermelon called 'Moon and Stars'. I remember growing it as a kid and marveling at its celestial rind patterns and sweet, red flesh. 'Abraham Lincoln' tomato has again proven to be my favorite heirloom type. The hottest new plant in my border is *Atriplex hortensis* 'Golden Leaf'. It is a summer type "spinach" with an upright habit to six feet, golden to chartreuse leaves and beautiful seed heads ideal for cut flower arranging. I prefer its tasty leaves to cool-season spinach both raw and cooked.

Our educational programs at the nursery were a great success this year. I really enjoy seeing the light go on in a student's eyes when some gardening concept clicks in their brain. In every class we preach about using **mycorrhizae**, fertilizing with "Alpha" organic fertilizer and **seaweed extract**. We have found these materials to be so effective for plant nutrition that we hardly sell anything else. Customers with perpetual problem lawns are reporting that since they started using "Alpha" their lawns have never looked so good.

I'm looking forward to a beautiful fall season and hope to see you here soon! We have wonderful clearance sales on trees and shrubs. Our water plants are all 50% off and our annual JUMBLE SALE has begun. On the Jumble Table you'll find hundreds of varieties of 3 1/2 inch and 4 1/2 inch pot size perennials for \$1.00 each! Several customers have brought in pictures of beautiful perennial borders that they have created using just plants from the Jumble Table.

Happy Gardening,

*Kelly Grummons*



## Great Fall Savings

Timberline Gardens' tree and shrub fall clearance sale has begun. Receive 20% off through September and 30% off in October! Select trees and shrubs are 50% off! (Certain exceptions apply.) Perennials are 30% off and there are hundreds of items on the Jumble Table for only \$1.00!

## 5 Year Warranty

We still have a great selection of flowering trees, shade trees, evergreens and shrubs of all kinds. Of course, you can receive a 5 YEAR WARRANTY on all of your trees and shrubs if you use our "MYKE" tree and shrub transplanter. "MYKE" is a beneficial fungus that greatly enhances the uptake of water and

nutrients in new plants as well as increasing survivability. All warranties must be arranged at the time of purchase. Our customer Sally Harvey says "I have never seen newly planted roses grow and bloom so much the first year! We used "MYKE" for the first time and have been thrilled with the results."

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Winter hours begin Oct. 29



# Cool Weather Checklist

## Stay Warm with Firewood

Timberline Gardens is your best supplier of quality firewood. Our City Mix is a great value. It is a mixture of ash, maple, locust, elm and other woods from local tree

trimmers. Stock up now for the best selection and quality. Last year, demand was high and we ran out early. Don't get caught without!

<u>City Mix</u>	<u>Piñon Pine</u>	<u>Cedar</u>	<u>Apple or Mesquite</u>
Great value! Mix of woods from around town. Elm, maple, ash, locust.	Very fragrant harder pine, longer burning.	Fragrant, longer burning, pleasant snap, crackle & pop.	Great for smoking.
1/8 cord \$42	1/8 cord \$65	1/8 cord \$58	1/8 cord \$85
1/4 cord \$70	1/4 cord \$125	1/4 cord \$96	<u>Bundled Wood</u>
1/2 cord \$129	1/2 cord \$200	1/2 cord \$176	Apple, cherry, hickory, mesquite \$5.99
Full cord \$235	full cord \$350	Full cord \$320	Oak, piñon \$4.99
	<u>Oak</u>	<u>Hickory</u>	Chiminea size bag \$4.99
<u>Forest Mix</u>	Hot, long burning. Great for home heating.	Longest, hottest burning.	<u>Coal</u>
Combination of pine, spruce and fir.	1/8 cord \$75	1/8 cord \$90	Deep mine coal, low sulphur
1/8 cord \$47	1/4 cord \$140	1/4 cord \$170	Approximate 70 lb. bag: \$18.98
1/4 cord \$78	1/2 cord \$225	1/2 cord \$310	<u>Measurements</u>
1/2 cord \$143	full cord \$400	Full cord \$600	1/8 cord: 4x4x1    1/2 cord: 4x4x4
Full cord \$260      (1/4 cord minimum for delivery)		<u>Georgia Fatwood</u>	1/4 cord: 4x4x2    full cord: 4x4x8
		.99 per pound	

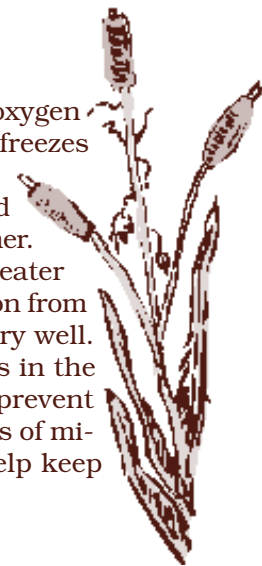
## Preparing Your Pond for Winter

Pond plants are perennials. Keep fertilizing them with fertilizer tablets every three weeks until frost. Once frost threatens, remove tropical species such as cyperus, papyrus and calla. Take them into the sunroom or greenhouse or dispose of them. Cut back the foliage of cold hardy species such as water lilies, iris, rush, and horsetail to the root level. In late November sink the pots to deeper water.

After the water plants have become dormant, it is important to continue filtration and aeration to keep water fresh and clean for fish, frogs, snails and turtles. Sometimes it is appropriate to disconnect the fountains or waterfall and just let a pump run in the center of the pond to keep a hole in the ice for the exchange of

excess CO<sub>2</sub>. Creatures that require oxygen to survive will suffocate if the pond freezes over for any length of time.

You may want to have a pond heater on hand for extremely cold weather. It is costly and unnecessary to run a heater constantly. As long as you have aeration from a pump most creatures will winter very well. Watch for tree leaves and other debris in the pond and remove them promptly to prevent fouling of the water. Cold water strains of microbes can be added in autumn to help keep the water clean.



## New at Timberline!

**THE IDEAL MULCH FOR PERENNIALS** is now available in bulk. Our **FOREST MULCH** is a fine-textured, medium brown wood/bark product that is ideal for mulching perennials, **BULBS**, and pansy beds.

Start out with two inches of Forest Mulch to conserve moisture and to prevent weed seed germination. The great thing about Forest Mulch is that it works into the soil to improve organic levels and it also encourages earthworms which aerate the soil. Add a little more every year along with Alpha fertilizer and you'll have beautiful perennials.

Timberline Gardens now carries a premium line of **PAVESTONE** pavers and wall systems. These concrete aggregate stepping stones, patio pavers and wall blocks are of high quality, come in many colors and are much nicer than products you may have seen in the past. Check out our selection and prices. We can help you calculate the amount of product needed and can special order anything that we don't have in stock.

## Installing a New Lawn

September is a great time to install new sod or grass seed. We carry a hardy Kentucky Bluegrass blend in sod and many different types of turf in seed. Ask our horticulturists about the different varieties.

It's generally not necessary to remove old grass before reseeding or resodding. But, you should spray it with **Roundup** or **Killzall** two weeks before planting. After the two week period, rototill the area six to eight inches deep. Apply two inches of **Boss Compost** to the surface and rototill again. Leave the old, dead grass in the soil. Only remove big, coarse chunks that remain at the surface. Rake the soil bed smooth and apply the grass seed or sod.

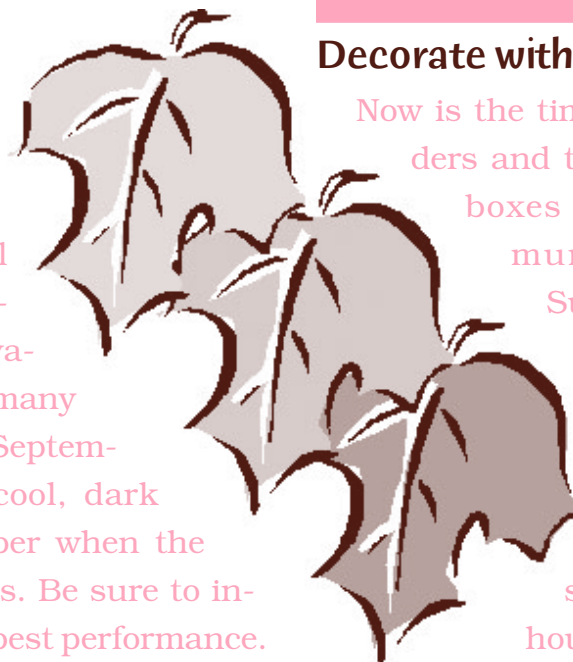
For sod, water thoroughly the first day then three times a day until the sod has rooted. At about the seventh day you should be able to reduce the water to once a day. By day 14 you can reduce watering to two or three times a week.

On the seeded lawn, topdress the seed with "**StrawNet**" which seals in moisture and increases germination tremendously. Water lightly three times a day until grass germinates (21 days for Kentucky Bluegrass, 8 days for Tall Fescue). Once it appears that most of the seed has germinated, go to watering once a day for a week, then to once every other day for a few weeks. Water twice a month after the ground has frozen in November. Overseed any bare spots again in March.

Apply "**Alpha**" fertilizer to sod two weeks after installation. Apply fertilizer to seeded areas at about six weeks after germination. Don't apply any broadleaf weed killer for at least six weeks after seed germination or sod installation.

## Bulbs, Bulbs, Bulbs

Timberline Gardens has a wonderful selection of fall bulbs. Our collection includes tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, crocus, allium and many more. Buy your bulbs in September and keep them in a cool, dark place. Plant them in October when the soil is cooler for best results. Be sure to incorporate bulb fertilizer for best performance.



## Think Spring This Fall

The dry weather in January, February and March caused most area lawns to be susceptible to mites. Extensive mite damage occurred where homeowners did not recognize the damage in time to implement control measures. To prevent this problem next year, get your lawn in shape this fall.

### September

Topdress and overseed weak areas. Cultivate the soil in larger areas and mix in compost. In small spots, rough up the soil and rake out dead grass. Apply grass seed and "**StrawNet Mulch**" in large areas. Apply grass seed and a dusting of compost in small spots or thin areas. Keep seed constantly moist for even germination.

### October

Apply a winter fertilizer such as "**Alpha Winterizer**" and aerate if necessary. Water weekly in October and November, then at least once a month December through March. If the weather is extremely dry in March when the grass begins to green up, spray the lawn thoroughly with a solution of one tablespoon of dish soap per gallon of water, and keep the soil moist. This will minimize the mite damage that occurs in late winter.

Pay special attention to areas with south and west exposure, where reflective heat tends to dry out the soil. Using "**Alpha**" fertilizer will keep your lawn healthy and give it the resilience to recover from the harsh winter weather.

## Decorate with Autumn Joy

Now is the time to brighten up drab borders and tired patio pots and window boxes with cheerfully blooming mums, asters, black-eyed Susans and pansies. They are beautiful now and will be even better next year.

We also sell flowering kale, pumpkins and gourds, corn stalks and straw bales to brighten your house and patio.

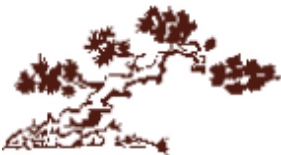
# Special Events & Savings...

Marilyn Raff's latest book, *Shrub Roses: Paradise in Bloom*, makes its debut at Timberline Gardens on September 12. Along with detailed information on height, color, fragrance and care, this exquisite book features over one hundred eye-catching pictures of roses alone and in combination with perennials.

All of the shrub roses she reviews have been grown, for at least fifteen years, in her Littleton garden and are tough and hardy for Colorado's roller coaster climate. A must read and a lovely gift for shrub rose lovers.



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