

Welcome to a brand new year at Parkland! As usual our staff are busy getting ready for the upcoming season. We look forward to seeing you again this year and thank you for the opportunity to be your personal plant supplier for all your gardening needs and requirements. If you have any ideas or suggestions for our newsletter please let us know. Have a wonderful 2007 gardening season!

Choosing what is right for your container garden



Create a container that will become the most talked about piece in your yard this year! It may be a show of flowers or an accent piece sitting on the patio, having a container garden will add that finishing touch to your yard.

Start by using your imagination to its fullest. Mix and match annuals and perennials to create a stunning planter that will make everyone look twice. Choose your most favorite annuals to plant in a ceramic pot to set in a hot sunny area. Then decide on annuals that are shade tolerant to plant a hanging basket perfect for an area that gets limited sun.

Between mixing and matching annuals and perennials and deciding what to plant where, container gardening allows you to create exactly what you want.

Need help with container gardening? Come and talk to our specialists at Parkland, or even have our designers create your masterpiece.

Our garden centre is topped up with all the latest plant seeds. Now is the time to start your seedlings, we have an excellent selection of numerous flowers and vegetable seeds. We have all the accessories such as potting soil, seed trays, seed domes to help you start your plants for your containers, flower beds and gardens.

If you want immediate results, then our greenhouse is brimming full of plants for you. Some special plants featured this year are:

Bacopa Copa Double Vanilla Shake
New double flowered form
Great trailing plant for planters

Verbena Star Dreams Double Salmon, Violet and Red
Three new colors of Verbena now with double flowers in bright colors

Thunbergia Blue
Tropical version of the popular Black-Eyed Susan vine with large denim blue blooms
Great in large hanging baskets



Design Now – Plant this Spring!

Winter is the perfect time to start planning what you want to get done for the spring and summer in your yard.

Whether you just want to organize one specific portion of your yard or you want to get a full overview accomplished, we provide the services to help you decide what would work best for you and your yard's individual needs and capabilities. From one-hour consultations to full-on landscape designs, whatever fits your dream and budget we can help you make it happen. Landscaping a yard can be a wonderful addition to any property's value when done properly and with planning ahead.

Now is the time to see us here at the garden centre for help with the problem areas in your yard. For a new perspective on your potential plans or for what will grow well in your area, we are here to answer any questions you may have. Please contact our landscape designer at (403) 346-5613 to book your appointment now so that you can have your plan done by early spring. You can be all ready to go once it is planting time!

Rain Barrels

Remember when planning your landscape to include some rain barrels. Why should you use a rain barrel?

- Rain water is free! It is usually warm, soft and non-chlorinated. Your plants, lawn and especially your container gardens and houseplants will thank you for the natural H₂O.
- It will save you money on your current water consumption and reduces the demand put on water treatment facilities.
- Most important of all, rainwater has none of the harmful minerals found in most tap water sources, which are harmful to plants.

Here at Parkland we have rain barrels for sale, in various sizes, shapes and colors. Most rain barrels should have a hole in the lid for the downspout and a tap at the bottom to release the caught water. If you do purchase a rain barrel that is completely open at the top, make sure you get a separate cover or screen to keep out insects, leaves, curious animals or children. If you are worried about mosquitoes breeding in your barrel, adding one tablespoon of olive oil in your water will keep the mosquitoes away.

Rain barrels are basically maintenance free, however once the cold weather arrives you should stop using your barrel. Leaving water in the barrel over winter will expand and possibly cracking your barrel. Simply drain or empty your barrel, lay it on its side or turn over for winter storage.



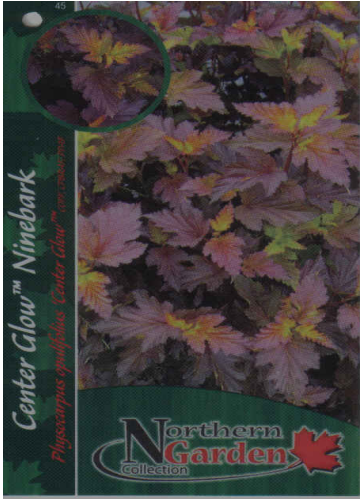
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Outdoor Living with Plants



A new shrub for 2007 at Parkland is the Centre Glow Ninebark

This is a zone 3 shrub, growing to about 5' x 5' (1.5m x 1.5m). It has foliage that starts out gold but changes to burgundy color in the centre. It is a shade tolerant bush and flowers May to June.

Look for the Northern Garden tag as shown in our outdoor plants.

Also new for 2007 is the Pink Parasols Spirea (Proven Winner) shrub. This is a zone 3 to 4 bush with pink blooms on blue-green leaves. It has a yellow-red fall color and gets to be about 3' x 3' (1m x 1m) in size.

Either shrub would be a perfect addition to your garden for 2007!

Another addition to the outdoor living area are two new roses for the prairies.

Emily Carr and Felix Leclerc are both Canadian Series Roses. The Felix Leclerc is a hardy zone 3 climber with rich pink blooms that go all season. It is also resistant to diseases. The Emily Carr is also a hardy zone 3 though it is an upright shrub rose. It blooms all season with a red color.

Returning plants for 2007:

Apricot Whisper Potentilla
Bog Rosemary
Silver Leaf Dogwood

These plants have returned after a brief disappearance. Come visit our outdoor plant living area today!



Product recommendation

A product that we like to recommend here at Parkland is Zeolite Soil Conditioner.

Zeolite is 100% natural mineral environmentally friendly and used for: soils, tropicals, garden, turf, perennials, and annuals, evergreens, potting mixes, trees and shrubs. Zeolite is mined in BC and is 100% crushed volcanic rock. Due to the natural element of Zeolite, it does not break down like sawdust, leaves or other organic material. Zeolite balances the soil PH resulting in enhanced turf and greens by encouraging stronger, deeper, more robust root zones. It helps grass recover from damage and diseases more rapidly. Roots recover from root rot more quickly, maintenance of plants much easier and less watering required.

For complete information on Zeolite pick up a brochure today or ask one of our specialist on how Zeolite will enhance your containers, gardens, flower beds or lawns. Zeolite also has many other uses that may interest you.

New and Old Berries for the Prairies – a U-Pick in your own Backyard!

Honey Berry

Berry Blue and Blue Belle are both hardy forms of Honey Berry with the flavor of a Blueberry. For pollination, you need both varieties. Plant them about four to six feet from each other.

Saskatoon

JB30 Saskatoon is a cross between Martin and Thiessen. Which means the berry is more uniform, yields more and has the very best flavor. They are also very hardy for our climate.

Cherries

Cupid, Juliet, Romeo & Valentine are all self pollinating bush cherries that are great for both fresh eating and cooking. These cherries were developed in Saskatchewan, so you know they will be hardy.

Nanking Cherry

In varieties of black, white and red they are all good for jams and jellies. As a bush, Nanking Cherries also make a great hedge, try them all!



Blueberries

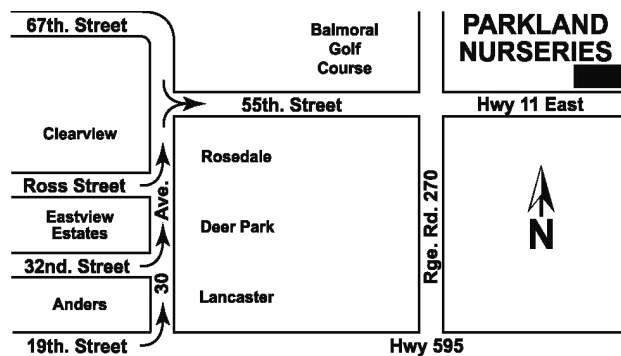
North Series and Polaris are our best varieties for the prairies. Best in acidic soil, they also benefit from some afternoon shade, consistent moisture and a good snow cover in the winter. These berries need different varieties for cross pollination.

Raspberries

Boyne (F), Heritage (P), Double Delight (P) and Fall Gold (F). These plants each fall into one of two categories. Floricane marked with a (F) is a plant that flowers the second year of growth while Primacane marked (P) is a plant that flowers in its first year. If you grow these two categories, you can have a crop that starts in July and ends in September all with that tart, sweet flavor of raspberry.

Gooseberries

Pixwell and Hinnomaki gooseberries are mainly used for processing. Whether you make jelly or wine this is a wonderful fruit to try. It will also tolerate shady conditions.



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