

Newsletter July 2008

We hope that your business has done well this spring. The spring sales season does seem to have been variable, but overall sales are fairly buoyant - especially in landscaping & amenity planting. Let's be positive looking forward and not let the media talk us down into a recession.



Seasonal Growing Tips

POWDERY MILDEW White-grey powder seen on young shoots and leaves.

ACTION We have found AgriKarb (potassium bicarbonate) used with a wetter, good as a "knock-down" to kill the fungus present BUT follow up with alternating fungicides eg:

Amistar (Azoxystrobin)
Systhane 20 EW (Myclobutanil)

BLACKSPOT

Large round blackish spots. Increase ventilation, remove debris. Use

Sanction 25 (Outdoor Use Only) (Flusilazole)
Systhane 20 EW (Myclobutanil)

TWO-SPOTTED MITE

Detect by yellow pin-pricks on leaves, defoliation. Tiny colourless/white mites on underside of leaf. Spot treatments of:

Apollo 50 SC (Clofentazine) *Dynamec (Abamectin)*
Masai (Tebufenpyrad) *Oberon (Spiromesifen)*

Rose Liners 40p* - Pot now for sales in bloom September

We've put together a "summer collection" of popular varieties at a special price of 40p + royalty (Xp) + delivery*

Patio Roses:

great garden space-fillers

Baby Love *yellow (22p)*
Cider Cup *apricot-pink (22p)*
Sunseeker *red/orange (22p)*

Climbers:

cascades of blooms

Super Excelsa *crimson (-)*
Super Fairy *soft pink (23p)*
Super Sparkle *scarlet (23p)*

Patio Climbing Roses: columns of colour, 8-10ft

Laura Ford *yellow (30p)* Evening Light *soft peach (30p)*
Bright Day *bright red (30p)* Star Performer *pink (30p)*
Open Arms *soft pink + gold stamens (30p)*

New Plant Lines!

These are niche plants but they may have a specific role for you in your business. A banana or pineapple plant certainly gives a talking point for your customers. If you would like to consider growing some in 2009, please get in touch with Barbara as soon as possible to discuss your requirements on 0800 015 3533.

Going Bananas... and Pineapple

We have some plugs available now of 2 varieties of banana. Price 69p.

Musa Dwarf Cavendish Easy to grow in a conservatory, attractive leaf markings. Needs heat to flower & fruit.

Musa lasiocarpa Chinese Banana Dramatic with big yellow "lotus" flower lasting for up to 9 months. Cold tolerant - but protect the trunk in winter.

Acer davidii Snake bark maple

We have some good strong young plug plants from seed (4-500) from a very good specimen at Wisley.

Please give Barbara a call if you're interested on 0800 015 3533

Recycling trays:



We all want to reduce environmental waste - sometimes it is not so easy to put this into practice.

We have found a recycling business - taking delivery of our plastic propagation trays: Easy access from motorway:

Birmingham Plastic Recycling,
Smethwick, B66 2BJ
Tel: 0121 565 4188