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## NEWS AND NOTES



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**Welcome** to the first edition of Iowa Outdoor Products' "News and Notes". Each month, you'll be updated on what's happening in our nursery and also our gift shop, the Home and Garden Specialty Shoppe. So be sure to read on every month to learn about what's new with us, and to discover new and exciting ideas about improving your garden and home.

### It's Time For Bulbs!!

Although the weather this fall has thus far been a little unpredictable, it's still not too late to plant bulbs! Already have your bulbs in the ground? Pick up a few more from I.O.P. and force them indoors. You'll have beautiful blooms inside long before the first signs of spring appear outdoors. It's easy to do! Hyacinth and Paperwhite Daffodils may be some of the easiest bulbs to force into bloom. All you have to do is choose a small dish (with no drainage holes), fill it with pea gravel, plant your bulbs in the gravel, keep the dish filled with water, and wait for the blooms! Daffodils, tulips, and several other types of bulbs need to have "cold storage" before they are ready to be forced. If you'd like more information on forcing bulbs, don't hesitate to stop into the nursery or email us (iop4@hotmail.com).



**Quick Tip:** Remember to choose bulbs with a variety of bloom times to extend the bloom period of your spring landscape.

### Notes From The Nursery...

November is here already, and although it's still a great time to plant, we here at the nursery have been busy preparing for the winter months we all know are soon to come. Before the *really* cold weather hits us, we are working hard to get the plants in our nursery prepped. Now is the time for homeowners to prepare their trees, shrubs, and perennials for the winter as well. Here's a quick checklist to help you prepare your own plants for the winter months ahead:

**Tree Wrap** - it's always a good idea to use a cloth tree wrap to cover the trunk of your new (or young) trees. This easy step will help protect your trees from frost and scald dam-

age, and especially from animal damage.

**Mulching** - remember to check the mulch around your plants this fall; make sure there is a good 2-3" layer surrounding the base of your plants. This will help insulate the roots and protect them from the chill of winter.

**Wilt-Pruf** - all evergreens in your landscape will benefit

from this product. *Wilt-Pruf* is a ready-to-use spray that helps lock the moisture into the foliage of your evergreens. This will help prevent winter burn, which is a common problem with many evergreens, especially arborvitae.

**And Remember** - you can plant until the ground freezes... there's plenty of time left! Last year, we were still planting in December!

**FALL SALE**  
**50% OFF**

All Plant Material In Stock

It's not too late to plant!

We still have a great selection of trees, shrubs and perennials in stock and ready to be planted

### Check Out The Home & Garden Specialty Shoppe...



As some of you have already discovered this year, Iowa Outdoor Products' indoor gift shop has a new name, the *Home And Garden Specialty Shoppe*. We've stocked our shelves with an eclectic range of accessories for your home and garden. Our cozy indoor shop not only offers great gift ideas, but is also full of creative ways to personalize your own landscape.

When you walk through our doors, you'll find our friendly sales staff ready to assist you. We would be glad to answer any questions you might have about our products and even how they can be used to give you that unique look that people will be sure to notice.

Here's a sampling of what you'll find at the Home and Garden Specialty Shoppe:

- Holiday Décor
- Birdhouses
- Birdbaths
- Wooden Signs
- Pocket Tins
- Pottery
- And much, much more

**Mention This Newsletter and Receive 25% off Your Next Home and Garden Specialty Shoppe Purchase!**

So come in out of the cold, grab a cup of our hot apple cider, and let the atmosphere of the Home and Garden Specialty Shoppe inspire you and your friends today!

**You'll Find The Perfect Holiday Gift Here!**