

## New Arrivals

Amaryllis / Paperwhites

Farmers Almanac

Homesteading Books

Breyer Horses

Heated Pet Mats

Pet Beds & Toys

Outdoor Mats

Snow Blowers & Generators

## Special Events

Pet Adoptions

November 17th - LI Kitties

December 1st - New Leash  
Animal Rescue

15th - LI Kitties

**December 8th - Pet Santa**

(free digital picture)



## Looking Ahead:

Seeds and seed starting supplies

Redneck Glasses

Wood Pellets & Coal

Snow Shovels & Ice Melt

Upsadaisy pot inserts

Macramé & Fabric plant hangers

Pet Santa (December 8th)

Custom Decorated Wreaths

Christmas Wreaths, Greens & Roping

## A Last Thought

Visit us in December for Pet Santa. Great family fun!

Thank you to all our customers - We wish you the most joyous of seasons.

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## GREEN THUMB PRINTS

The Gardening Newsletter of Talmage Farm Agway

*... As the gardening season*

*comes to a close, it is a time of celebration and reflection. In the garden as in life, rejoice in your successes and learn from the miscues as we look forward to the coming seasons bright with promise.*

### November is the time to:

- \* Rake the leaves off the lawn and add to the compost pile
- \* To protect strawberries, loosely apply a layer of straw or Mainly Mulch around the crowns
- \* Plant amaryllis for holiday display
- \* Continue planting tulips and daffodils



### How to: Prepare your chickens for the winter

- \* Make sure coop is pest free and predator safe. Check that the coop and fencing are secure. Try Night Guard Predator protectors.
- \* Provide ventilation without drafts
- \* Use straw or pine shavings for bedding. Remove and replace damp bedding
- \* Supply feed and water. Heated waterers are available
- \* Store feed in tight receptacles
- \* Supplement with protein treats (Happy Hen) to give your birds the ability to generate heat during cold spells. Add scratch grains too.
- \* To ensure egg production provide lighting in the early morning hours to give your hens a total of 14-16 hours of sunlight.



### Earth Friendly Choices:

Black Gold potting mixes are a blend of earthworm castings, sphagnum peat moss & yucca extract, an organic wetting agent. The Black Gold seeding mix is OMRI certified (Organic Materials Review Institute) for gardeners wishing for an organic approach.

### December is the time to:

- \* Monitor house plants for insects with yellow sticky traps. Spray as needed with insecticidal soap.
- \* Spray evergreens and broadleaf evergreens with Wilt Pruf
- \* Prune holly and evergreens to make holiday wreaths and tabletop displays
- \* Set up a birdbath heater

### Garden FAQs: Invasion of the ladybugs

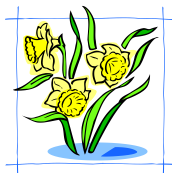


While welcome in the spring to rid our gardens of aphids, this is the time of year when ladybugs congregate to hibernate. Attracted to lightly colored homes they are usually found on the south western side of the house because of the heat the house reflects.

Ladybugs release pheromones to attract other ladybugs from as far away as 1/4 mile. To keep them from entering your home caulk small openings & crevices. Unlike most household pests, ladybugs pose no danger to clothes or food stuffs. But take caution, they emit a noxious odor and stain if squished.

### Garden Trivia

During the depression, daffodils were known as the poor man's rose.



### Talmage Tip

If you've had trouble with squirrels digging up your flower bulbs, apply Repels All to ward off the varmints. (Follow package directions)

### Something Different: Fiskar's Pruning Stick



This is an easy to use chain driven pole trimmer for trees and shrubs. With its unique rotating cutting head, you can trim limbs up to 1" in diameter

### Damage Control

For lawns and plantings effected by the recent storm surge, Cornell Copperative Extension recommends leaching the area with fresh water to mitigate the damage due to excessive salt.

Island wide evergreen foliage was hard hit by wind and salt spray. Hose down plants to eliminate salt deposits. Erect and/or wrap plants with burlap protective barriers.

### Talmage Tip

Sanitation plays a large part in insect and disease prevention in the garden. Clean up and destroy fallen and mummified fruit and foliage that had fungal diseases this past season.

### Garden Project: Natural Ornaments

Deck the halls, Christmas trees and wreaths with these made from nature garden ornaments. Collect seed pods (milkweed), pinecones and leaves from the woods or garden. Gild with gold or silver paint, found in your local craft store. Use your imagination! Simple & Elegant



### Talmage Tips

Apply Bag Balm to chicken combs to prevent frost bite

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Discontinue feeding pond fish when water temperature falls below 50°

### The Perennial Corner



Some our favorite perennials this season were Hibiscus. These easy care perennials offer huge (7"-8") velvety blooms in lavenders, pink and red. These dependable plants surely brighten the summer landscape planted as a focal point or en masse at the back of the border.

Hens and chicks are also plants to crow about. Hardy and drought tolerant, plant them in the garden or we see customers following a trend to plant them in containers.

Hellebores - the shady ladies of the late winter garden. Pink frost & frilly kitty were two stand outs.

### Winterize your Power Equipment

For mowers, blowers and string trimmers:

- Clean equipment of all debris.
- Run equipment until the fuel tank is dry or top off and add a fuel stabilizer for winter storage.

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