

New Arrivals

Botanical Interest Seeds

Mums / Montauk Daisies

Flags

Garlic

Spring Flowering Bulbs

Birdfeeders

Birdbaths

Husqvarna Snow Blowers & Chainsaws

Special Events



Pet Adoptions

September 15th - LI Kitties

October 6th - New Leash Animal Rescue

13th - LI Kitties

20th - Beekeeping Introduction

27th - Southampton Animal Shelter

November 3rd - New Leash Animal Rescue

10th - Store Event

Looking Ahead:

Seeds

Log Hoops

Wood Pellets & Coal

Snow Shovels & Ice Melt

Toys

Wild bird Event (November)

Pet Santa (December)

Amaryllis

Paperwhites

Custom Decorated Wreaths

Christmas Greens & Roping

A Last Thought

Bird Seed Pre-order - Early October

Order forms will be available in the store or on line @ www.talmagefarm.com

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GREEN THUMB PRINTS

The Gardening Newsletter of Talmage Farm Agway

... Summers Last Dance

With the sun's early fall glow highlighting the colors of late season perennials it's not the end of the season, it's a new chapter. Make fall a family affair. Rake leaves, feed and watch the birds or plant a tree in memory of a loved one.

September is the time to:

- * Test your soil PH (lime indicator)
- * Renovate your lawn - Use Scotts Turfbuilder lawn soil with starter fertilizer. Just add seed.
- * Buy Bulbs: Pop some ornamental onions into the perennial border. They're critter proof.
- * Gather herbs for pesto, bouquet garni & potpourris
- * Keep feeders & birdbaths full for migrating birds
- * Add a few berried shrubs to the landscape such as holly or viburnum. The Birds love Them!

How to: Roast Pumpkin Seeds

While carving your Halloween pumpkins with the kids, save the seeds. Roast for snacks or sprinkle on salads.

1. Scoop out pumpkin and remove pulp.
2. Soak seeds in salted water ($\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon to 1 cup water) for several hours. Rinse and remove remaining pulp.
3. Scatter seeds on a kitchen towel to dry.
4. When dry, coat seeds with melted butter and season with salt.
5. Roast in a shallow roasting pan at 300°. Toss once and bake until golden, approximately 10-15 min.

Be creative and try different combinations such as honey and cinnamon or a spicy mix of oil and cayenne pepper.



Earth Friendly Choices:

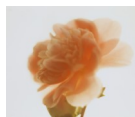
Cover Crops: Easy to grow, cover crops add so much to your vegetable garden with only minimal care. These hard working plants add organic matter and nutrients, suppress weeds, help control pests and diseases and prevent erosion. Rye, buckwheat and clover are available. Why not add some cover crop to your garden this fall and reap the rewards of a more productive garden come spring?

October is the time to:

Use protective barriers such as deer netting, snow fence and repellents to protect trees and shrubs from rabbits and browsing deer.

- Dig sweet potatoes around the 1st frost.
- Plant garlic
- Cleanup the berry patch

Garden FAQs: Camellias



“Camellias are difficult to grow and they are found only in the south.” Nothing could be further from the truth. With more cold hardy varieties to choose from you, can reliably grow camellias in our area, blooming October through April.

Advance orders for camellias are now being taken for Spring delivery. Call for information.

Garden Trivia

The air borne fluffy seed heads of the milkweed plant were used by Native Americans to insulate their moccasins.



Talmage Tip

Extend the season by protecting tender late season vegetables with row covers. They can raise the temperature by 5° or try FreezePruf by Liquid Fence.

Something Different: Weedball



A liquid weed killer applicator. Easy to use, no bending required. Do away with unwanted weeds with this windproof, liquid roll on applicator

Talmage Tip

A fall application of lawn fertilizer with broadleaf weed control will help eliminate dandelions and chickweed. If you haven't treated your lawn, nut grass tubers, dandelion and purslane are edible.

Bee - cause

Project: Preparing the beehive for fall/winter

1. Check to insure proper food reserves. (Approximately 60 lbs. of honey) Feed only after late fall flowers have passed and reserves appear low.
2. Check the queen. Re-queen if possible. Combine weak hives. Check for insects and disease. Treat.
3. Reduce colony entrance and secure a mouse guard.
4. Provide ventilation with the use of shims between the supers.
5. Tilt the hive forward to provide a gentle slope. This will keep rain & snow from entering the hive.
6. Insulate the hive & secure the cover
7. Provide a windbreak if the hive is in an exposed area.



Talmage Tip

Plant up paperwhites every 2 weeks for continuous flowers through fall & winter.



The Perennial Corner



Anemones

These graceful beauties commonly referred to as windflowers, transition the garden from late summer into fall. Blooming for several weeks in pink and white, they are the perfect backdrop for grasses and fall blooming perennials.

****Nursery Sale****

1st Dibs for Green Thumbers & Preferred Customers

50% sale* on Trees, Shrubs, Roses and Perennials Sept. 1st - 17th
(Bring in your copy of the Newsletter)
**Excludes select items, see store for details.*

General public sale begins Sept 18th

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