



NEW LEAF News

February
2019

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Visit our **NEW** website at:
www.newleafgardencenter.com

KENTON STORE
927 E. Columbus, Rt. 67 by Shopping Plaza
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Winter hours for both Stores until early March: M, W, F: 9-4, Sat. 9-1, Tues-Thurs-Sun: CLOSED
Ada store Tues. & Thurs. *by chance*

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Seed Starting Indoors



When should you start seeds indoors? That depends on the type of seed and the last expected frost. The average date of the last frost in our area is May 15th. So, by knowing that date, the seed package tells you how many weeks ahead you can start the seeds. On the calendar count back from May 15th for each type of seed you are planting and you'll know when to start that seed indoors. Don't start seeds too early or they become over-grown and leggy.

Things you need for starting seeds

- **Containers:** pots, trays or peat pots. If using containers from a previous year, always clean and disinfect them thoroughly before using to prevent seedlings from "damping-off", a fungal disease that can kill seedlings.
- **Sterile soilless seed starting mix**
- **Plastic bag or tray covers** to keep the seedbed humid

Tips for starting seeds

- **Moisten soil** before filling containers. It should be wet, but not dripping, without dry lumps.
- **Gently firm the soil** down in the containers, but don't pack it too tightly
- **Plant 2-3 large seeds** by poking a hole in the soil with the tip of a pen or pencil and then dropping the seed in the hole. Small seeds can be sprinkled on top of the potting mix. Very small seeds can be mixed with sand or soil to help spread more evenly. Check each seed pkg. to check planting depth and then cover seeds with that amount of soil.
- **Sprinkle water** on top of the newly planted seed gently to insure good contact with soil.
- **Plant only one type** of seed in each container. Some seeds will germinate before others, and it is difficult to keep both seeds and seedlings happy in the same container.
- **Cover containers** with clear plastic to keep them moist. Most seeds don't need direct light to germinate. Just keep in a warm, out-of-the-way place until they begin to sprout. If you don't have a nice warm spot, use an electric Heat Mat under your container to create the optimal temperature.
- **Once the seeds germinate** with their seed leaves, remove the cover and keep in a bright location or under a grow light for 12-18 hours a day. Moisten the soil as it dries out.

Tips for growing healthy seedlings:

- **Transplant seedlings** to individual containers once they have 3 or 4 true leaves.
- **Fill cell packs** with premoistened, soilless mix. Poke a hole in the middle of each cell.
- **Lift tiny seedlings** from the seeding flat and gently separate the seedlings.
- **Pick up seedling by its leaves**, rather than its tender stem, and insert roots into the hole. If seedling is leggy, set it slightly deeper than it was. Nudge soil mix around plant.
- **Lightly water** and label plants with variety name, date sown and date transplanted.
- **Place under a grow light** that is positioned 2"-3" above the plants or in a sunny window that gets **at least** 8 hours of bright light per day to prevent seedlings from becoming too tall and leggy.
- **"Brushing" plants** several times each day, (it has recently been found) will keep plant stems shorter and stronger. When touched or moved, plants release ethylene, which can inhibit elongation.
- **Don't fertilize seedlings until** the seed leaves (1st leaves to appear) begin to shrivel; then fertilize with a weak fertilizer once a week.



Everything you need is available at New Leaf!

2019 New Leaf Seminars

Check out all the info on the back page! RSVP as soon as possible!

February Winter Specials

Specials good thru Feb. 28
(No coupon needed)

All
**Houseplants
& Succulents
50% Off**

Baccto Lite
Premium potting soil
8 qt. – reg. \$ 4.49
\$ 3.49

No limit

Nyjer Thistle
Wild bird seed - Reg. \$ 1.19 / lb.
\$ 99¢ / lb.

No limit

Suet Cakes
reg. \$ 1.29
99¢ each

All
**Bird Feeders
25% Off**

Sale prices good thru
Feb. 28, 2019

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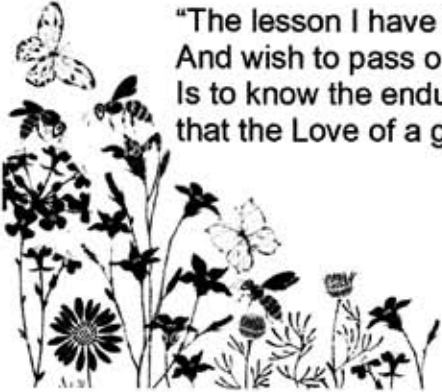
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"The lesson I have thoroughly learnt,
And wish to pass on to others,
Is to know the enduring happiness
that the Love of a garden gives."

~ Gertrude Jekyll



SIGN UP FOR OUR SPRING SEMINARS - NOW!

This will be the only Newsletter that you'll receive about the Seminars! Customers liked the earlier dates last year, and it also allows us to have more space in our greenhouses, so they're early again this year!

Ada Seminars - March 2nd Kenton Seminars - March 9th

10:00 am - "The Top 75 Plants that Every Homeowner should Consider" - Find out what plants met Laurie's criteria to make her "best of list."
11:00 am - "Succulents" - Succulents are HOT right now and Laurie will talk about how to grow them and how to make a living succulent wreath.
12:00 pm - "Soup, Salad & Scrumptious Bread" - Pam will talk about using some different vegetables for soups and growing and using different salad greens.
1:30 pm - "Bee' Nice to Your Bees" - A short reminder on bee-safe gardening practices.

Call or sign up at either store NOW!

RSVP IS REQUIRED because of space limitations! We have 40 spots at the Ada store and 40 at our Kenton store - so RSVP EARLY!

***Since the response to our Seminars has grown, so have our costs. This year we will again be charging \$ 5.00 per person for the Seminars, payable at the door the day of the Seminar.



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Mark Your Calendars NOW for the upcoming events...

Sat. March 2 - Seminars at our Ada store
Sat. March 9 - Seminars at our Kenton store
Sun. April 21 - Easter



***We are a provider of Easter flowers for local churches. If your church needs flowers, check with either store for details.

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ALL WINTER

for the following items...

- House Plants
- House Plant Supplies
- Potting Soils
- Fertilizers
- Seed Starter & Peat Pots
- Pre-packaged seeds coming early Feb.
- Gardening Information Books
- Bird Feeding Supplies
- Wild Bird Feeds



Memorial Items

- Remembrance Items
 - Cemetery Saddles & Wreaths
 - Angels - Wind chimes
 - Concrete Memorial Stones & Benches
- We provide FREE delivery of memorial items to: Hanson-Neely, Ada and Price or Schindewolf, Stout, Crates in Kenton.

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