

Timely Turf Tips



October 2015

90th Anniversary Sale October 8-10

Like the banner states- 90 years young. Serving our customers and community has been our mission since 1925. To celebrate, Hugo Feed Mill & Hardware is putting on an Anniversary Sale. It should be quite the event – coffee & donuts Thursday, Hank's soda tasting Friday, a free pumpkin to the first 25 customers Saturday, and lots more! Look in your local paper for our flyer listing all the great deals.

There was a cornucopia of peppers at the 6th Annual Pepper Tasting Event last month.

With over 100 varieties displayed, those attending delighted in sampling such a wide assortment of sweet, mild, and hot peppers. The top vote-getter for sweet peppers was *Aji Margariteño*, a new addition to Steve's vast inventory available in the spring. *Blushing Beauty* was second and *Merlot* finished in third. First for the mild varieties was *Holy Mole*, second was *Beaver Dam*, and third was *Malawi Piquante*. The favorite hot pepper was *Basque Shepherd*, followed by *Garden Salsa* and *Satan's Kiss*. Thank you to all the people that helped in judging such an enjoyable event. See you in the spring with your shopping list of favorites.



Aji Margariteño

Lawn and Garden Care Tips for October:

- Fall clean-up can be made easier by mulching light accumulations of leaves with the lawnmower, just be sure the grass is visible through the shredded material. Heavier buildups of leaves need to be removed to prevent damage to the lawn over the winter. Excess leaves can be bagged and set aside to be used to protect tender perennial beds. Remember to wait and apply the bags after the ground is frozen.
- Apply fall fertilizer at a rate of 1 pound of nitrogen per 1000 square feet. The University of Minnesota Extension recommends all fertilizer be applied before October 15. We recommend Hugo Feed Mill's brand 25-0-15, with 50% slow-release nitrogen for a longer feeding period. A 40# bag covers 10,000 square feet and there is a coupon attached below.
- Falling temperatures can trigger a change in plant growth that aids in controlling tough-to-kill broadleaf weeds, like creeping Charlie, dandelion, and clover. Spot treat weeds with broadleaf weed control products like SpeedZone and Weed Free Zone for weed-free grass next spring.
- Falling temperatures will also cause Box Elder Bugs to cluster on the warm, sunny sides of buildings. Spraying them outdoors will reduce the number that find their way inside and become a nuisance. Save by using the discount coupon attached below.
- If you want some early color in the garden, plant spring-flowering bulbs, like tulips and daffodils, early this month before the weather turns too cold for this project.
- Consider leaving some sturdy, disease-free plants to add some interest to the landscape this winter. The garden will benefit from any trapped snow and the birds will enjoy any remaining seeds.

Remember to plant your garlic by mid-October.

See the folks at the feed mill for your seed garlic. Choose from soft neck (3 varieties to a pack) or hard neck (five varieties sold individually) or plant them all to find out your favorite. They can help with planting directions, fertilizer, and mulch.

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