

Growing with Jack

...a monthly newsletter from Jack Peters

Dear Gardener:

Welcome to the Jack's Classic monthly newsletter. The purpose of my newsletter is to pass on timely tips on how to get the most from your plants using good plant nutrition.

Please send your topic suggestions, questions or comments via email to info@jrpeters.com.

Happy Planting!

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The weather has warmed considerably here in the Northeast and in most areas it is safe to begin to plant in the garden without fear of freezing nighttime temperatures. You will still need to watch the evening temperature forecasts to make sure that your new plantings are protected should freezing temperatures be forecasted.

- Your pansies should really be blooming now and will continue to do so until the temperatures stay warm at night. You can get the most out of them by continuing to feed them the Blossom Booster 10-30-20 every other week.
- Give your bulbs a feed of our All Purpose 20-20-20 to keep the leaves nice and green. Don't remove the leaves when they finish blooming. The bulbs need them to produce the energy necessary to build a strong bulb for next year. Just let the leaves yellow naturally before removing them.
- Your azaleas and some of the early rhodies should be blooming now. Follow the feeding schedule on our web site at www.jacksclassic.com/azal_rhodo_care.html to get the most out of this year's show and help build good wood and buds for next year.
- When you are making your plant selections at the garden center look for plants that have good all around development. The biggest and showiest plants aren't always the best selection. You want plants that have a good root system and ones that have a good bud set. These plants will do best when transplanting and respond quickest to your fertilizer applications.
- Water your new plants in with the Jack's Classic Blossom Booster 10-30-20. It is a great transplanting fertilizer. Phosphorus does not move easily in the soil so the higher phosphorus ensures that plenty is available for the new roots to easily access.
- Last month I told you to keep some Epsom Salts on hand for your garden. Most soils contain Calcium as well as most irrigation waters. They usually do not contain enough Magnesium to optimize plant growth. You can safely add ½ teaspoon per gallon to your fertilizer applications to give them the extra Magnesium they need. It is very safe to use and gives great results.
- Remember that your hanging baskets get watered more often than the other plants and will need more fertilizer to keep them looking great. Feed them at least once a week with a combination of the Jack's Classic 20-20-20 and the Blossom booster 10-30-20.

- Lets get those tomato plants out in the garden and get them transplanted with the Blossom Booster 10-30-20. I have a feeding program for them that we will discuss in detail in the next edition. In the mean time you can go to the web site for the schedule.

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