



# THE GreenViewer

## Welcome to Spring!

We've perused the gardening, home, and seed catalogs. We've vegetated in front of our televisions watching HGTV. We've stared out our windows, watched our birds and dreamed of Spring. Well it's finally here!

Here at the Garden Center we have been busy cleaning our beds, trimming our trees, pruning our plants and fertilizing everything! We have re-visited our master plan and will be making some major changes within our own landscape. We've already completed our new propagation greenhouse and will be re-doing our original one this Spring. Newly built stone walls, colorful plantings with trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals will be started soon along the front entry way. Lighting and new signage will appear as well. This will be an on-going project and will be installed in stages, we have a budget too! Watch our progress, give us your feed back.

Now is the time to make all those landscape wishes and dreams a reality.



## The Elephant in the Room

No one wants to say it or even think it, but we are still in a drought situation. Raleigh has been hit hardest by both lack of rain and mandated restrictions. Greensboro is faring a bit better, we have had rain but this is not the time to stop our conservation efforts. Many of our customers have been telling us their tales of saving water, from re-using their dish water to keeping buckets in their showers while waiting for the water to warm up!

Did you know that just 1/2 inch of rain can produce as much as 400 gallons of water, depending on the size of the roof? According to Kathy LaLiberte at about.com, an average size roof of 30'x36' will collect enough rain to fill four 50 gallon rain barrels. Connect one or two soaker hoses to the barrel and water your foundation beds, vegetable or flower gardens. Connect a regular hose and water your patio and deck plantings all for free!

You don't have to give up gardening, you just have to learn the tricks.

Stop by soon, we'll be happy to pass on more great drought busting ideas!

Go to [www.greensboro-nc.gov](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov) for the latest updates on the water situation.

## Deer Resistant?

Each year we are bombarded by folks looking for deer-resistant flowers and shrubs. While there are some species that are less attractive to these adorable pests, our usual answer is...they eat everything when they get hungry enough!

Stop in for our list and we'll commiserate with you.

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### May Events & Offerings

**3rd Saturday Series**

**Saturday May 17th**

**10:00AM-12:00PM**

**"Container Planting"**

**Join your fellow gardeners for a morning of fun and inspiration. We'll teach you the tips and the tricks to get your containers magazine quality! Bring in your containers (anything that holds dirt and releases water will do) or buy one of ours. We'll have lots of thrillers, fillers and spillers to choose from.**

**Coffee, conversation and advice is free... bring a friend!**

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Mothers Day event at the Garden.

Saturday May 10th

10:00am-12:00pm

Bring in your little bundles of joy to decorate and plant a pot for MOM. We have the decorative supplies, pots, dirt and flowers...you bring the kids!

\$5.00 per child, per pot.