

### **More Class Sections Added**

Due to popular demand we've added two class times and still have room in our upcoming classes. Check out the class descriptions at [www.drummersgardencenter.com/sections/specials\\_events](http://www.drummersgardencenter.com/sections/specials_events).

Please call us, 388-4877, to save a seat.

The Total Landscape: From Lawns & Shade to GArdens

Tuesday, March 24, 5:15pm

Vegetable Gardening 101 - Saturday, April 4, 10am

& Tuesday, April 7, 5:15pm

### **Wait to start Tomato & Pepper Seed**

Thanks to all of you for stopping in to get your seeds. We plan to have a large reorder on hand next week so if you missed some favorite varieties or asked us for something special we hope to have that on hand for you. Most of us here don't start our peppers and tomatoes until after the first week of April so there's still plenty of time to get rolling. With this great weather potato planting can't be far off! Our supplier has promised our first order of seed potatoes and onion sets March 20.

### **Prune & Protect Fruit Crops Now**

Now is the time to get out and prune your shrubs and fruit trees. While you're at it, also take steps to protect your fruit crops from insect and fungal damage. This is a two-step process but even if you just use the first you will get a big leap ahead of some perils. When daytime temperatures are above freezing, spray your fruit trees and shrubs with dormant oil spray. This oil acts to smother any insects or eggs overwintering in sheltered spots on plants.

Lime sulphur, as explained in the next step, will also help those of you plagued with powdery mildew on your ninebark, lilac and other ornamentals. It also helps with fungal diseases on fruit

After the oil is dry and if temperatures are above 40 degrees, spray on lime sulphur. You want to be upwind of this spray and, as always, whenever you spray wear protective clothing, gloves, shoes and eyewear. Lime sulphur (or you can use copper) will stop fungal problems from starting.

### **DO NOT DISTURB! Lawns & Perennial Gardens**

Yes, the weather is spectacular but your plants need to remain frozen & protected. But, one thing you can do is carefully pick up piles of leaves off the grass by hand.

Happy gardening!