

### **Welcome Spring!**

It's been great to see all of you exploring what can be new in your garden this year. Thank you so much for shopping at Drummers.

Too bad we're saying it but we want to get the word out to all of you that there's a good possibility we'll have frost tonight and possibly Sunday night. That's why May 10 the last average frost-free date, right? Today's the day to get measures in place to protect the plants you've installed in the garden. Cover them with items like sheets, overturned pots and hot caps and remember to shy away from sheet plastic because that will not insulate plants.

### **Emerald Ash Borer Discovery**

The other newsworthy item is the unfortunate discovery of Emerald Ash borer in the Twin Cities area. We're abreast of precautionary measures if you need help and for more information, check out this link <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/plants/pestmanagement/eab>

If you have an ash up to 12-inches in trunk diameter, you may succeed with preventative measures against the borer. Check with us how to use Bonide Tree & Shrub Insect Control, which is a systemic insecticide drench.

### **Sweet Potato Prep**

We still have a beautiful selection of annuals and vegetables, seeds and bare-root strawberry and asparagus. Many of you are anxious for the arrival of our sweet potato inventory and thanks for your patience. Our plants are grown in Tennessee and they've had over 12-inches of rain in the last couple of weeks and are working as fast as they can to get the plants out of the field to ship. As soon as we have them, we'll call all of you on our list. In the meantime, cover your plot with clear plastic or mound the soil so it heats up for those hot-soil-loving vines. Here's thinking of warmer nights and big harvests!

Happy gardening!