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**Tick Repellent Program
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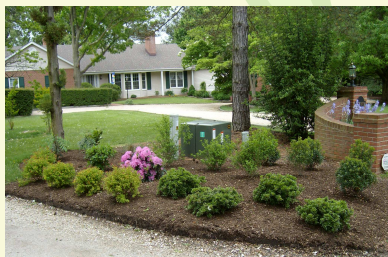
Monthly Newsletter

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May Garden Tips

* May is usually when it's the most fun to work in your garden. Hopefully, it's not too hot yet. So, here we go outside to enjoy the beautiful weather. May is also the time when many plants are being installed. Your garden is taking shape before your very eyes. Remember to have a plan before you actually purchase your landscaping plants. You'll save money in the long run if you know what material to plant in specific locations.



We designed this entrance bed for a property in Queenstown.

* We've always loved hydrangeas. Last year, we purchased an "Endless Summer" hydrangea for our garden. It was pricey, but beautiful. Here's a fun tip. Work lime into the soil to produce pink flowers. Use aluminum sulfate to change the color to blue. It's difficult to change the soil pH, but worth it to have fun colors for your hydrangea.

A Personal Message

I love the month of May. It's always so full of excitement as we get ready for summer. Melissa tells me I have to love this month because her birthday falls right before Memorial Day. You understand now why I love the month of May.

Other than Melissa's birthday, several big events are happening for us this month. You can meet us at Eastern Shore Nursery on Saturday, May 7th between 11:00-1:00. We'll be hosting a deer repellent plant seminar. Buy any plant and we'll treat it with deer repellent at no charge. May 7th is the day before Mother's Day. Every Mom will want a beautiful plant from one of the Eastern Shore's finest nurseries.

There's more. We'll be hosting a live broadcast that day, in conjunction with 107.1 The Duck radio station. There will be plant information, giveaways and prizes too.

Eastern Shore Nursery plans to give landscaping plant material away several times during the broadcast. Then, at the end, a tree will be given away as the grand prize. Please plan to join us and even perhaps win a plant while you're there.

We'll be back on the streets Saturday, May 21st at the Oxford Garden Club Garden Tour. This is a huge event that allows the public to view the private gardens of some of Oxford's most beautiful properties.

There will be a docent in each garden who is familiar with the history of that particular property. You'll have a chance to view native plants and stunning garden "rooms." You'll see private courtyards and large formal gardens. This is an opportunity that only happens every two or three years.

There's even more happening that day. They're making the day into a huge celebration. There will be food and a live band in the park located in the center of town. Look for us in the big white tent in the park. We'll be giving away free bottled water to help thirsty folks enjoy the day.

Oxford is such a beautiful historical area. I'm proud to help the Garden Club bring this opportunity to the public.

Have you heard any of my on-air discussions with Matt Spence at WCEI radio yet? I'm live on 96.7 every Wednesday or Thursday morning at 8:10 AM. The exact day tends to vary each week.

The discussions are all about tick repellent and the need for protection in this area. Matt has been very interested in my tick repellent program.

We have a lot of fun on the air and I hope you'll give us a listen.

See you next month!

Tick Repellent

By popular request, we're offering additional information about our tick repellent program. After my family suffered serious health issues from tick bites, I developed this program. It's a barrier spray, designed to keep ticks away from your home and gardens. There's a variety of weapons in our arsenal. We begin with the barrier spray around the perimeter of your property.

The next step is to place Damminix tubes in areas of increased tick activity.

Damminix tubes are small cardboard rolls that contain treated cotton which is deadly to ticks. Small mammals such as squirrels use the cotton in their nests. It's safe for animals, but deadly for ticks which are often present in squirrel and mice nests.

Several other avenues of resistance include wood and brush removal. Tick activity can be very high in old woodpiles and areas where there are high grasses.

This repellent program is extremely effective. We've received accolades about our service. We're working to make it even more effective in the battle against tick borne diseases.

New Sign at Our Office

On a vivid Saturday in March, Dell, his Dad and our employee, Rhiannon Colburn changed the panels in our two story lighted sign. Fierce winds back in February blew the front panel completely off the sign post.

Bartlett Tree Experts was kind enough to loan us their bucket truck to complete the aerial part of the job. Dad is a retired tree surgeon with plenty of experience in a cherry-picker.

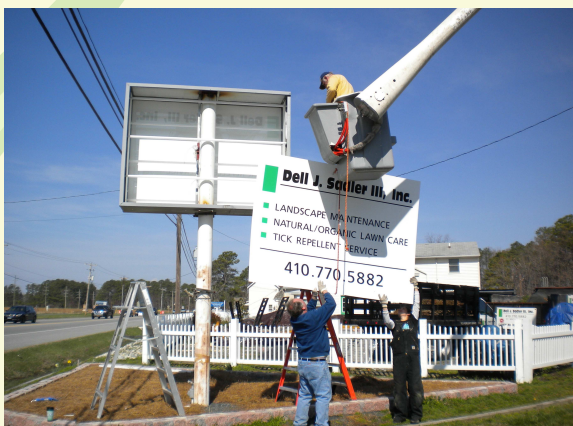
We thought you'd enjoy watching the process in pictures!



Here's the first step which was removing the one remaining panel. You can still see the shard of plastic which remained on the damaged side of the sign.



Dell and Rhiannon carry one of the new panels from the truck to the sign post. You can see the water tower for St. Michaels, which is behind our office.



The sign is tied with a rope and hoisted into the air. Note the 8 foot long fluorescent light tubes between the two panels of the sign. The sign is lit at night and can be easily seen as you enter town.



The last panel slides easily into place. The sign is bolted and silicone-glued into place. Now, there's one last chore. Our post needs to be painted to match the shiny, new white sign.

Be sure to enter our Landscaping Contest! Enter your name at dellsadler.com or call us at **410.770.5882** to win \$100.00 worth of free landscaping. The drawing will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2011.