

## Websites & Tips

### *davesgarden.com*

Provides info on plants as well as pictures and comments from gardeners. Helpful for those who want a little more information than what is provided at the garden center.

### *iselinursery.com*

Iseli is a wholesale nursery. However, they provide useful information on their website pertaining to Japanese Maples and dwarf conifers. They also have an image library, videos and digital downloads, helpful to the novice gardener or plant addict.

### *Corn Gluten*

Weeds are usually a curse to a gardener. Not only is it back-breaking, but it is tedious and takes time away from other fun chores in the garden! Using corn gluten at least 3 times a year will significantly reduce the necessity of hours bent over or kneeling. It can be purchased from Gale's Garden Center. I simply put it in a bucket and walk around the garden throwing it as I go.

**Please note:** I am aware there are those who enjoy weeding, but for those who *don't* this is for you.

### *Potted Trees & Winter*

All of our pots contain Japanese Maples or Bonsai. Larger pots are left in place and are wrapped using a long sheet of burlap, oak leaves are placed in the middle. Then the burlap is sewn lengthwise to create a long, thick, sock-like tube. I start at the bottom, circling the pot until I've reached the top, sewing as I go, eliminating any gaps. I then take twine and wrap it around the pot several times, making sure the tube stays in place all winter. When temps are above freezing the wrap is removed, the pots are intact and the trees are happy. The deciduous Bonsai are allowed to experience Fall and overwinter in the garage. The evergreen Bonsai will be placed in a tent on our patio. All will be checked for moisture once a month and watered as necessary.

### *The Mini Dragon*

This is a hand held propane torch used for burning weeds on hardscape surfaces. I use it on the driveway, patio and along our paths in the front yard.

### *MaryAnn's Horticultural Tea*

An all-natural, herbal tonic against bugs and disease in the garden. It has been useful on whitefly, spider mites, bacterial infections in Japanese Maples (when all else has failed), fungus on roses and slows the onset of powdery mildew (although, at the end of the season, this is a problem that is not easily managed). Useful when used systemically or topically. PH: 440-667-7764