

Mapledale Cuttings

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Website Now Has E-Commerce

Mapledale's website is up and running (www.mapledale.org). Our website contains almost everything you would like to know about us, along with many informative links. We have all our email addresses listed, historical information about how Mapledale got started and we even provide the local forecast. We also have added several new features that we think you will enjoy, so come take a look at what we have added!

New for spring 2008 is our online store! There you can purchase your bulk materials and landscape supplies online and have them delivered right to your door. You can buy your materials and set your delivery time anytime of the day or night; no need to call in to place your order. Using the store is as easy as any other online store, so try it out! Access to the store is available by going to www.mapledaleonline.com or from our website at www.mapledale.org.



LOCAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Visit the Lake Metroparks Farmpark from February 8 - March 19 for the 'Quilts 2008' show. There will be over 200 quilts on display.
- Geauga Lyric Theater Guild presents 'Cheaper By the Dozen' from February 29 - March 17.
- Don't forget that Daylight Savings Time begins on March 9th, so spring forward your clocks one hour.
- Don't miss the 2008 Geauga County Maple Festival held on Chardon Square from March 27 - 30.



Don't forget the Mapledale accepts cash, checks and the following credit cards: Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Discover.



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL FOR A GREAT 2007!



Landscape Design & Install



Now is the time to start thinking of and planning any spring and summer outdoor projects. Call Lance if you are planning on any renovations or additions to your flower beds or if you just need to add some new color around your house.

Have you been thinking of putting in a patio, a retaining wall, fire pit, flower boxes or some other project that encourages entertaining at your home? If so, contact Mapledale to brainstorm some ideas and we will work up a quote for your needs.

Whatever your landscape design and installation needs are call Lance at 440-286-3389 or email him at Lance@mapledale.org.



PlantPlaces.com

You can use www.plantplaces.com to view images of local plant specimen that nurseries or landscapers have recommended. You can see the basic ornamental features of a plant, the size, flower color available, fall color and shape of the plant. You can use the search feature to find plants with compatible sunlight and water needs for your flower bed.



Welcome Our New Customers

We are pleased to welcome two new customers to Mapledale: Bridgewater Village Condominiums in Chardon and Nova Chemicals, Inc. in Painesville.



*Bridgewater Village
Condominiums*

17th Annual Pancake Breakfast

YOU ARE INVITED!

Please join us for the 17th Annual Mapledale Pancake Breakfast. It will be held **Sunday, March 9th, 2008 from 9am - 2pm** in our barn. Enjoy all-you-can-eat Iowa Corn Pancakes, Ohio Grange Corn Fritters, sausages, and of course real maple syrup! Last year 504 pancakes, 576 fritters and 760 sausages were eaten, let's see if we can beat that number this year! In addition to eating all you can stomach, enjoy talking with us about any upcoming projects you might have, seeing our construction and bulk material displays, watching our power point show and possibly winning a door prize.



Lawn Care Help



Are you at a loss as what to do with your lawn care needs? Do you need some suggestions on what to do with your lawn, types of fertilizer or the time of the year for certain fertilizers, or any other questions about your lawn care? If you do, Gene would be more than happy to discuss some options with you so please call him at 440-286-3389 or email him at Gene@mapledale.org.



Annuals From the Ground Up

Now is the time to start planning for your planting of annuals.

Soil Preparation: Almost every garden soil will benefit from the addition of some organic matter incorporated into 6-9 inches of the soil. As easy as annuals are to grow, they'll give you much better results if you take a little time to improve the soil. Try this simple test to determine if your soil needs some additional organic matter. With a cultivator or shovel work the soil a bit. Then take a shovel full of soil and squeeze a handful of soil in your palm. If it holds together for a few seconds, then crumbles

apart, you have good quality soil and it is dry enough to plant. If you do the soil test and the soil just sits in your hand, it is either too wet or has a high portion of clay. You will want to add some organic matter to your soil to correct the problem. You may want to do a pH test for acidity and alkalinity. You can call your County Extension Agent or purchase an inexpensive kit from your local garden center. The recommended optimum pH for annuals is between 6.5 and 6.8. You can lower the soil pH by adding soil sulfur, adding acid forming mulch, or by adding lime

in recommended amounts. Don't over-work the soil with a rototiller. A couple of passes will be enough. Add 3-5 lbs. of 5-10-5 fertilizer per 100 sq. ft. Work into the soil and smooth out for planting.

Next you will need to make your annual selection for the area that is being planted (full sun, part sun, full shade, part shade). Water in after planting but avoid flooding.

And lastly, ENJOY!

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*“Our word is our
word!”*

We're on the Web!
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Spring Bulk Material

Before you know it, it will be spring and we all will be in our yards raking and cleaning up from Old Man Winter. After all this is done, we can supply you with all of your certified grass seed, fertilizer, mulch, topsoil, straw, etc.

So go ahead and give Chris a call at 440-286-3389 or email him at Chris@mapledale.org.

Don't forget that you can order all your bulk materials online at www.mapledaleonline.com or www.mapledale.org.

