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Item of the Month

SYLVANIA LED Light Bulbs 2 Pack 2PK 15W 2700K Soft White 40W Replacement Bulb 40W 120V Rated to last 10 years Unbreakable $7.97 pack

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GARDEN CENTRE

By Lina Calvert

Although there is lots of snow on the ground, it is never too early to start thinking spring! Now is the perfect time to check stored bulbs and tubers for sprouts, and if they do show growth, pot them up, and keep in a bright location. Now is also the time to start some of the slower germinating seeds such as peppers, eggplants, geraniums, and tubers such as begonias.

Top Tips for Successful Seeding:

- Use wide, flat plastic containers to avoid overcrowding and prevent excessive moisture around fragile, young roots, and use a good quality soil-less mix like Promix.
- Prevent stagnant air around your seedlings by providing lots of good air flow. This will help to prevent any fungi from growing in your soil and onto your seedlings. This can be achieved as easily as placing a small fan at a low setting, aimed low towards the soil. You can also mitigate hosting fungi in the soil by lightly topping the soil with calcium based grit, like crushed up egg shells, or chick grit.
- Great drainage is essential to successful seedling indoors. Make sure the soil stays moderately moist, but never wet, and there are adequate drainage holes so excess water can drain out, otherwise the seedlings rot. Remember that you can always add water, but it is much harder to take out! Best practice is to water from the bottom, letting the soil leach up the water, a little at a time. You can also spritz with a water bottle.
- Keep the temperature for your seedlings consistent and warm, with big sunny windows, grow lights, or heating pads. Most seeds germinate best at 18°C to 24°C.
- Cover seedlings with clear lids, or cellophane, to keep moisture in. However, you need to provide ventilation to keep them from becoming “breathing” holes in the cover for air circulation.
- Be sure to rotate seedlings trays towards the light on a regular basis, to encourage strong stems on all sides of the container.
- Feed them well with a seed starting fertilizer, and be sure to follow the directions so as not to burn off the seedlings. After the first true leaves develop, you can switch to a half strength all-purpose fertilizer.
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To apply to NWC by April 30, 2016.

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For new investments & renewal of member loans at North Wellington Co-operative Services Inc.

TERM $100-$4900 $5000+
1 year 3.20% 3.70%
3 year 4.45% 4.95%
5 year 4.95% 5.45%

Rates subject to change based on Royal Bank prime rate.

The money raised through these investments will be used to finance equipment including a Propane Filler Plant, two pickup trucks and an 8 ton fertilizer spreader. Other projects are being considered, which if adequate return on investment can be committed over two days.

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Grower Pesticide Safety Courses

Mount Forest: Saturday, February 20th 2016, and Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 at the Mount Forest Fire Hall.

Harriston: Tuesday, February 23rd, 2016 at the Harriston Legion.

For more details or to sign-up contact our Harriston or Mount Forest Branch. Cost of the course and/or exam is $105 payable to the University of Guelph. Books can be picked up at any location at no charge, just call ahead to ensure we have a copy for you.

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W8W CEO equivalent 60W traditional bulb. New 120 volt pack

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