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Green is Good

Green is good in the garden and in our wallets. A product called Greensand is no different. Greensand is a product derived from natural deposits of glauconite. The deposits are from the ocean floor and is mostly made of iron-potassium silicate which gives it a bluish-green color. Potassium is vital to all plant life to help ward of diseases. Greensand can also help loosen clay soils, bind sandy soils together, and help with water holding capacity. Non-toxic to pets and humans.

We offer 7.5 lbs bags for \$12.99.

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All natural plant food.

Curb the Wood



Every so often the USDA comes and checks our property for invasive species of certain pests such as Gypsy Moth. Our location is of particular interest for a few reasons. We are getting in shipments of material from across the country and second, we are located near Pleasant Creek State Park.

Not everyone thinks about how devastating the transportation of wood can be to the existing environment. Emerald Ash Borer, Woolly Agedid, and Gypsy Moth are just a few "hitchhikers" that cause a devastating amount of damage.

According to the USDA, "the **best** preventative measure to protect our uninfested urban and rural forests from these pests is to limit the movement of infested materials, including firewood."

Thirty states have imposed various levels of quarantine as a result of the Emerald Ash Borer issues. Many states including Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, and Maryland, have imposed regulations on the movement and importation of firewood. Iowa has not yet joined the movement, but we can be our own regulators to help protect our parks and local timberland.

The USDA requires firewood producers to provide documentation of source for their wood. A wood is considered pest free after being kiln dried to 160 degrees.

Also keep in mind if you have kept your RV parked for a long period of time it is also considered at risk for transporting both eggs and insects. A quick inspection and hosing down your RV before driving from place to place is a great precaution to help contain the movement of the bugs and insects. Don't forget to check your wheel wells.

Is it truly that big of a deal? Yes! The European Gypsy Moth is native to Europe and first arrived in the United States in Massachusetts in 1869. The nasty caterpillars have voracious appetites for more than 300 species of trees and shrubs. The caterpillars defoliate trees, leaving trees vulnerable to diseases and other pests and can eventually kill the tree.

Namaste Art Yard









You know the saying, its best

**to have your onions and
potatoes planted by Good
Friday!**

**Stop in soon to get the best
varieties!**



Hey Hey Hey!

**Sprouted spring bulb
collection, German Iris, and a
small collection of annuals are
due to arrive the week of April
15th!**



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