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New Products Win 2016 Green Thumb Awards



The five best new products for 2016 have won 2016 Green Thumb Awards presented by the Direct Gardening Association (formerly called the Mailorder Gardening Association). Honored in the Tools, Supplies and Accessories division were The Garden Tower 2 from Charley's Greenhouse and Garden, Hoss Garden Seeder from Hoss Tools, Shield-All Plus™ from Gardens Alive! Inc., Bull's Eye™ Outdoor Granular Ant Bait from Gardens Alive! Inc., and Snack Attack Collection from Territorial Seed Company.

Winners of the 2016 Green Thumb Awards were chosen by an independent panel of garden writers and editors. The winning products were selected based on their uniqueness, technological innovation, ability to solve a gardening problem or provide a gardening opportunity, and potential appeal to gardeners.

The Green Thumb Awards recognize outstanding new garden products available by mail or online. The awards are sponsored by the Direct Gardening Association (DGA), the world's largest nonprofit association of companies that sell garden products directly to consumers via catalogs and websites. For more information visit www.directgardeningassociation.com.

2016 Green Thumb Award Winners ~ Tools, Supplies and Accessories ~

The Garden Tower 2 *Charley's Greenhouse and Garden*

Grow 50 plants in 4 square feet – it's the ultimate, space saving container garden! The Garden Tower 2 easily rotates, on its ball bearings, 360 degrees for plant care and optimum sunlight exposure. At its core, a perforated compost column converts your kitchen scraps into organic fertilizer – making it self-fertilizing. Plant roots have direct access to the organic fertilizer via the vermicompost column. Dissolved and entrained nutrients are transported through the soil column with every watering of the Garden Tower. An integrated drawer collects compost "tea" for recycling back into the tower periodically. Nutrient rich, aerobic, highly organic and biologically active soil equals healthier, more productive plants! The finished compost is easily harvested seasonally and incorporated into your soil as a rich, high quality amendment. The Garden Tower 2 sells for \$359 from Charley's Greenhouse and Garden, 1-800-322-4707, www.charleysgreenhouse.com





Hoss Garden Seeder *Hoss Tools*



The Hoss Garden Seeder makes planting easy with our innovative seed plate design that allows you to customize your planting to meet your exact needs. It is proudly USA made with Amish-crafted hardwood handles, 15" steel wheels, and a powder coated steel frame. The new rolling coulter design makes planting easy in less than forgiving conditions. With this tool, you can plant small (mustard, turnips) to large (beans, squash) seeds. The Hoss Garden Seeder is available for \$299.99 from Hoss Tools, 1-888-672-5536, www.hosstools.com.

Shield-All Plus™ *Gardens Alive! Inc.*



Shield-All Plus™ is a broad spectrum insecticide/fungicide/miticide that kills eggs, larva and adult stages of insects/mites and prevents fungal attack of plants' tissues. The active ingredients, pyrethrins and clarified hydrophobic extract of neem oil, have been shown effective against a wide variety of pests and fungal diseases. It is most effective when applied in early to mid-morning or late afternoon when adult insect pests, such as whiteflies, are normally sedentary on the undersides of the foliage. Mix at a rate of 2 tablespoons (1 fluid ounce) per gallon of water. Thoroughly mix solution and spray all plant leaf surfaces. Apply at the first sign of insects or mites. As a disease preventative, apply on a 7 to 14 day schedule until the potential for disease development is no longer present. To control heavy insect populations or disease already present, apply on a 7-day schedule until pest/disease pressure is eliminated. Shield-All Plus™ can be used up to the day of harvest. Makes 16 gallons of finished spray/solution. Shield-All Plus™ 16 oz. will be available in January of 2016 and will sell for \$29.95 from Gardens Alive! Inc., 513-354-1482, www.gardensalive.com

Bull's Eye™ Outdoor Granular Ant Bait *Gardens Alive! Inc.*



Bull's Eye™ Outdoor Granular Ant Bait is for outdoor use around residential sites. It kills ants, including foraging ants, sweet-feeding ants, pavement ants, moisture ants, little black ants, argentine ants, crazy ants, acrobat ants, bigheaded ants, cornfield ants, ghost ants, odorous house ants, thief ants, Texas leafcutting ants, field ants, and other common ants. People and pests can enter the area after Bulls Eye™ Outdoor Granular Ant Bait is applied. Scatter the bait granules on the soil around or near the plants to be protected with a suitable hand- or power-operated spreader to ensure uniform coverage over the treatment area. Provides a protective "barrier" for ants entering the area. The product works best when soil is moist but with little or no standing water. Evening is the best time to apply the bait as pests travel and feed mostly by night or early morning. Treat all likely areas of infestation, especially around the perimeter of garden pots for target pests. It can be used on Vegetables (such as artichokes (globe), asparagus, beans, beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cantaloupe, carrots, cauliflower, corn, cucumbers, eggplants, garlic, lettuce, onions, peas, peppers, potatoes, radishes, rutabagas, spinach, soybeans, squash, Swiss chard,

tomatoes) or fruits (such as apples, avocados, apricots, cherries, grapes, melons, peaches, plums, citrus, pears, strawberries, blueberries, and loganberries) or outdoor ornamentals, greenhouses (non-commercial), lawns or turf. Bull's Eye™ Outdoor Granular Ant Bait will be available in January of 2016 for \$16.95 for 13 ounces from Gardens Alive!, Inc., (513) 354-1482, www.gardensalive.com.

Snack Attack Collection *Territorial Seed Company*

A combination of some of Territorial Seed Co's favorite snack-able veggie varieties that are just right for packing in a lunch. We've paired the seed packets with a propagation kit, Jiffy peat pellets, and natural fertilizer to get the garden started. The collection is completed with a bamboo lunch bag and Wysi Wipes to clean sticky fingers. The Snack Attack Collection can be purchased in December 2015 for \$64.95 through Territorial Seed Company, 1-800-626-0866, www.territorialseed.com.

