

Gardening Product Recommendations

Sue Makowiecki — September 2020

Dahlias & Related Supplies

Sue orders dahlias from **Swan Island** (dahlias.com) — Great selection and customer service.

Identification/marking for Dahlia Tubers

Veritas Purple Indelible Pencil #83U0116. 12 Count - Amazon

\$17.99 plus \$5.50 shipping

- Unsharpened, purple indelible pencils long lasting mark on a moist surface



Staking Dahlias

WAENLIR Garden Stakes 5ft Sturdy Plant Stakes/Support, Tomato Stakes, Pack of 50 \$79.99 (available through Amazon)

- Size: 7/16- Inch diameter, 5Ft high. Each package contains 50 Pcs sturdy garden stakes for plants.
- Ridged surface: Perfect for training plants, ridged surface are great for climbers to grip at they. Works for young plant supporting, eggplant stakes, tomato stakes, pole bean stakes, tree stakes and great for building trellises or teepees for natural climbing plant support .



- Easy install: Easy to cut the length as you want, The tapered end is better inserted into the ground
- Application: Use sturdy stretch to secure branches to support, Allows plants to grow through the sturdy stake, Secure trees, shrubs, vines and other plants. Suitable for tomato stakes, cucumber stakes, grapes stakes, etc.
- Rustproof & Durable :Plastic coated steel tube, excellent performance in UV resistance and chemical resistance. Longer life cycle than bamboo stakes and wood stakes.

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Twine for supporting Dahlias/Tomatoes/etc.,

Shintop 328 Feet Natural Jute Twine Best Industrial Packing Materials Heavy Duty Natural Jute Twine for Arts and Crafts and Gardening Applications (328 Feet Twine) \$5.99 (Amazon)



•NATURAL MATERIAL & Perfect Size - 100% ECO-friendly and bio-degradable hemp; diameter: Approx 1mm; Length: Approx 328 ft, you can cut freely according the length

How I keep weeds completely out of my Garden/my mats are 11 years old!

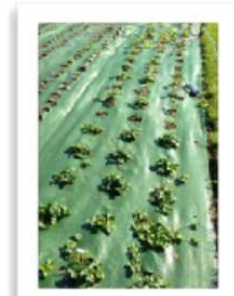
Natural Weed Control for All Locations and Settings

GardenMats come in different sizes and pre-cut layouts to fit any garden, from a small home plot with tomatoes, potatoes, and peas to acres of organic produce for the commercial market.

A Weed Barrier Designed to Last GardenMats last up to 10 years. That means less environmental impact and a greater return on your investment.

www.GardenMats.com

Worcester, VT



Self-Watering Planters



Gardener's Supply Company (gardeners.com). These planters have a reservoir that holds multiple gallons. Check for sales in the fall.

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Favorite Plants



Jerusalem artichokes (also called sunchoke or perennial sunflower)— Great for pollinators, and you can eat the roots.



Dahlia 'Pooh Swan Island' pictured. Attracts pollinators



Dahlia 'Bumble Rumble Swan Island' Attracts pollinators



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Lisianthus - Purple/White Annual — lasts 10 days in a vase. Sold at Trombley's

Animal Deterrents

- **Plantskydd** – Made from (porcine or bovine) dried blood. Web site warns not to spray edible parts of fruits and vegetables.
- **Deer No-No** – Specially formulated citrus scent that deer hate but humans find pleasant. Protects 6-ft radius. Also works in winter. Smells like Irish Spring soap, but it is more effective. Can buy from Gardener's Supply company or direct (www.deernono.com). Owner shipped it to Joan, with the invoice in the box.

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Deer Repellent that Works! Expensive, but worth every penny!

Gardeners Supply Company, Burlington, VT

Repel Deer from Your Plantings for a Full Year

- Humane, chemical-free repellent won't harm animals
- Easy to use — just hang from any branch
- Works for up to a year in any weather
- Set of 6

(Item# 05-626) deer from browsing your garden beds and borders with the pungent odor of citrus! Deer No No comes in convenient pouches to hang from the branches of trees and bushes. They work in any weather and protect your valuable plantings for at least a year. Each nylon pouch contains a soap-based product of mixed fatty acids 3" L x 2-1/2" W x 1-3/4" H each



- **Dog hair.** Ask local groomers for hair.
- **Holographic garden ribbon** — Protects blueberries, etc. Use as an alternative to netting, which can trap birds and other wildlife.

Fertilizer

- **Jack's Classic Blossom Booster** (10-30-20)
- **Neptune's Harvest** — Choose seaweed options, not fish. Our oceans are over-fished and the seaweed versions also won't attract wildlife.
- **Avoid bone meal** (ground animal bones and slaughter-house waste) because it attracts dogs and skunks who will dig up plants. A better source of phosphorus is **soft-rock phosphate (Espoma)**.