



You know you're addicted

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I rarely pass along an Email, but this one seemed fitting for KGI.

You Know You're Addicted to Gardening When...

Your neighbors recognize you in your pajamas,
rubber clogs and a cup of coffee.

You grab other people's banana peels, coffee grinds,
apple cores, etc. for your compost pile.

You have to wash your hair to get your fingernails clean.

All your neighbors come and ask you questions.

You know the temperature of your compost every day.

You buy a bigger truck so that you can haul more mulch.

You enjoy crushing Japanese beetles because you like the
sound that it makes.

Your boss makes "taking care of the office plants" an
official part of your job description.

Everything you touch turns to "fertilizer".

Your non-gardening spouse becomes conversant in
botanical names

You find yourself feeling leaves, flowers and trunks
of trees wherever you go, even at funerals

You dumpster-dive for discarded bulbs after commercial
landscapers remove them to plant annuals.

You plan vacation trips around the locations of botanical
gardens, arboreta, historic gardens, etc.

You sneak home a 7 foot Japanese Maple and wonder if your
spouse will notice.

When considering your budget, plants are more important
than groceries

You always carry a shovel, bottled water and a plastic bag
in your trunk as emergency tools.

You appreciate your Master Gardener badge more than your jewelry

You talk "dirt" at baseball practice.

You spend more time chopping your kitchen greens for the
compost pile than for cooking.

You like the smell of horse manure better than Estee Lauder.

You rejoice in rain...even after 10 straight days of it.

You have pride in how bad your hands look.

You have a decorative compost container on your kitchen counter.

You can give away plants easily, but compost is another thing.

Soil test results actually mean something.

You understand what IPM means and are happy about it

You'd rather go to a nursery to shop than a clothes store.

You know that Sevin is not a number

You take every single person who enters your house on a "garden tour"

You look at your child's sandbox and see a raised bed.

You ask for tools for Christmas, Mother/Father's day, your

Birthday and any other occasion you can think of.

You can't bear to thin seedlings and throw them away.

You scold total strangers who don't take care of their potted plants.

You know how many bags of fertilizer/potting soil,/mulch your car will hold.

You drive around the neighborhood hoping to score extra bags of leaves for your compost pile

Your preferred reading matter is seed catalogs

And last but not least:

You know that the four seasons are:

Planning the Garden

Preparing the Garden

Gardening

~and~

Preparing and Planning for the next Garden

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