

## CHRISTENSEN'S PLANT CENTER Wholesale Supplier To Landscape Professionals

## A Thank You, A Follow Up, And... A Donut?

It's the home stretch, ladies and gentlemen, and I, like many of you, have some of the same questions bouncing around in my noggin: Where did this year go? Why am I so sore? Will my work boots last for another month? Where did the hair on top of my head go? We all lost March and a chunk of April, and now here we are in the first week of November. Those of you that know me know that I do enjoy having a beer or four on weekends, but I can tell you that I didn't consume anywhere near the amount to have a blackout for 6 months. If we've been that busy, all of you out there are even more so. With that being said, here's some interesting statistics (approximated, and "may" be a hair exaggerated) that happen behind the scenes here at CPC:





- We consumed about 10,000 ounces of energy drinks throughout the season. Please note that 95% of this stat was probably me. Monster should send me a T-shirt...
- We probably went through at least quadruple that amount in coffee. We here at CPC will not survive without our daily dose of stimulants!
- This one is a little scary: We went through about 400,000 mg of Ibuprofen/Motrin/Tylenol/Advil thus far this season. For those of you that read these emails every 2 weeks, you may remember my comment in regards to possibly passing a kidney stone that has a big "M" on it, whether it's from Monster, Motrin, and/or Maxwell House.
- We used up about 25 miles of tagging/grading ribbon. This statistic is probably on the low end. With as busy as all of you have been this year, this is not very surprising!



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## A Donut... continued

There's a good 4-5 weeks left to go! There's still time left for plantings, burlap screenings, mulching and whatnot before most of us convert to pushing snow around in circles over and over again this winter.





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There is a legend of "The Half Donut" here at the nursery that involved our old pal, Jerry Bloch. A donut connoisseur he was, and he would often garnish one's share of these deep fried delicacies amongst fellow employees, making sure that everyone had at least one to enjoy. One day, however, he let his guard down and one was left in the box. Someone had the AUDACITY to cut it in half, and leave the other. Jerry discovered this, and the man was furious! "Who the &\$@! leaves half a donut?!?". Let it now be known that it was I that cut it in half, merely because I wanted to see the reaction! To this day, it is still brought up in conversation.

That being said, with all of the bumps, bruises, stimulants, weekend depressants (even though I don't consider beer being depressing!), sore muscles, cuts, scrapes, band-aids, icy-hot patches, and gallons of Hydrogen Peroxide, all of us here at Christensen's wouldn't have it any other way.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure writing these nursery tidbits for all of you this season. While I cannot compete knowledge-wise with some other fellow employees here (the Lords of Legos, for example), I hope that all of you found at least some of the information that we share helpful, informative, and/or mildly entertaining. We're still making coffee, so pop in for a cup or two, it's going to be chilly before you know it!

-Dave Reutter (Donut Terrorist).