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One more year down, I don't know about you, but despite how busy it was, I'm not complaining even a little bit. It was a tough year in some parts of the country with an extremely wet spring, but despite that our industry (that's the growing industry of course ☺!) seems to have survived.

As many of you know, there have been many improvements to the software, and this will continue in 2007. Hopefully I'll have Kristel helping me again starting in late April, and I will continue the search for more staff as well.

Have a great holiday, and I look forward to another excellent New

Important Notes

1) **Grisoff has released a new version of AVG** (many of you use this product for your anti-virus protection). If you're using the free version, you must download and install the new version, otherwise it will expire in mid-January. To install, shut-down your D3 (if it's on the server), and close all other programs. Then using Internet Explorer (or your browser of choice) key the address in the Links section at the end of this newsletter. Under 'Windows' choose the download link. You can take all installation defaults, EXCEPT you MUST choose

Important notice: Fri Dec 22nd 2006 thru Wed Jan 3rd 2007 – Christmas Shutdown

The office will be closed these dates inclusive with Conrad **on vacation**. **EMERGENCY support ONLY** will be available at the normal support number above between the hours of 8am thru 8pm. Non-critical calls will be answered on or after our return. All of this information is available on the website as well. Email is the preferred method of contacting Conrad during this period as it will be checked several times daily.

Year. I'll be keeping you up-to-date on changes in my industry, you keep growing in yours! Happy Holidays...
... Conrad K.

to 'REPAIR' your existing installation. You will probably be required to reboot. Make sure you request an update after installing. If you have purchased any of the paid versions the update will happen automatically.

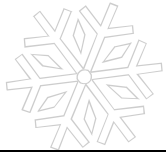
2) At the same time, all previous versions of **Microsoft Anti-Spyware and Windows Defender will expire at the end of 2006**. You can upgrade Windows Defender to the permanent free version by entering the URL from the Links section below into your browser.

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2006 software changes

- With the addition of a background printer, the software now has the ability to print letterhead on your invoices and other special forms. Additionally, most forms and reports can be sent to a PDF (or faxed) directly. Changes may be required to your custom invoice forms, please contact the office if you're interested.
- You can now dump and reload the entire product file for maintenance in a spreadsheet. You can also renumber all products that have had no activity for a period of time automatically.
- Load physical inventory directly from a spreadsheet instead of having to key into greenWORKS directly.
- Major Labelview Gold mods allowing your customers to pre-price their products when you're tagging for them (wholesale growers only). MUCH easier to customize labeling.
- Payroll T4's now print on laser printers directly complete with forms. No more alignment issues
- Import orders directly from a tab-delimited spreadsheet. Thus your customers could email your orders to you, as can your salesman with entry via any spreadsheet.
- Major enhancements to order and invoice inquiries. Use your arrow-keys for moving around.
- Standard closing comments in order/quote/landscape orders for wholesalers.
- POS can now file an order as a quote, as well as retrieving a quote for printing. Much friendlier than the original wholesale order entry

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Important LINKS

AVG free download link

<http://free.grisoft.com/doc/5390/lng/us/tpl/v5#avg-anti-virus-free>

Microsoft Windows Defender download link

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/Search.aspx?displaylang=en>

Remember these links are current as of time of publishing and may change at any time. Call support if you have a problem!

Important Notes – cont'd

Follow the prompts to download and do the install. If you are still running Windows Anti-Spyware beta, I would recommend going to the Control Panel then Add/Remove Programs, and remove it, reboot, and then running the install.

3) Three times in 2006, folks with **servers over three years old had a very nasty surprise**. I remain with my comments, repeated many times. If your server is three years old, it's time for a replacement, no matter how well it's running. These days it'll be loaded with Windows XP (Professional or Media Centre Edition), or Windows Server 2003. Any new servers will also be running

a mirrored RAID array for hard disk failure protection. Older machines can of course be shuffled down for use as a workstation elsewhere.

4) Several of the **recent Microsoft updates may have reset your servers to reboot automatically at 3am** after installation. While good for workstations this should NOT occur on your 'server' which should be set to download automatically but install when you request it. For instructions, call support or see the website.

5) If you're running the **greenWORKS Canadian payroll**, be aware that the update will be released immediately after New Years (you must complete all 2006 payrolls before installing the update. CRA's website posted the final version on 20Dec. While new T4

large change. If you think you know Office now, much of this knowledge will NOT transport easily! Ribbon toolbars, a totally different file-format (you'll have to select a compatibility mode to interchange documents with older versions), I think you'll see what I'm talking about. Again, while this will be the new version, I wouldn't recommend purchasing it 'till the first service packs start to appear.

3) A **new version of D3** from Raining Data is also available. 7.5.1 has many exciting changes, but I'll be waiting 'till mid year to let them complete bug removal before I commit to production.

4) **Integrated Windows features with**

2006 Changes cont'd

- Upgrades to EDI used to bill Home Depot electronically.
- Ability to use SQL and Windows reporting tools such as Crystal Reports. We recommend waiting for D3 version 7.5.1 or higher before using this feature.
- Add ability to auto-inactivate unused products in inventory.

forms have not been released, the preliminary version is identical to the 2005 forms.

6) **CNCP certification for Canadian wholesale nurseries** is coming. greenWORKS is compliant right now, and will require relatively minor (read reporting) changes and additions.

7) We have a major 'new' player in the **labeling** business in Canada. You may wish to check with **SourceID** (Montreal, PQ) and contact **Mike Lands**. I've been working closely with Mike with new, better, and less expensive ways to integrate labeling with greenWORKS. **Call 514-747-0403 ext 290.**

greenWORKS will work correctly by the end of the year. This has been an ongoing, though not high-priority project for 4 years and will finally be rolled out at some point this year (NOT before spring ☺). This will require a new, legal, copy of Accuterm 2k2.

5) **Website integration with product availability** automatically, for wholesale customers. After continual requests, we've actually come up with a way to do this.

6) **Integration with outside 'measuring' products** is also in place with major changes coming.

2007 – change is coming!

1) Microsoft will be releasing **Windows Vista** at the end of January. I've been beta-testing since June '06, and it's a big change. I think I like it, but security changes will mean you see a LOT of security pop-ups, and installing older software will quickly become a pain. You will NOT be using this for any new servers until at least May, not the least reason being that Raining Data has not yet started a port of D3 to the new platform.

2) Microsoft will also be releasing **Office 2007**. Again, it's a VERY