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*Maple Park*



## **WE'D LIKE TO PUT A BUG IN YOUR EAR ABOUT WHAT WE ARE DOING AT RCOP!**

**RCOP is committed to providing top quality plant material to our customers. To help aid in this effort, this past year, we have employed an additional 1.4 billion team members to help our growing staff suck, kill and attack our past pesticide practices. By implementing beneficial insects, fungi, and other biologically based products, insecticide applications have been reduced by over 90% and fungicide applications have been reduced by 60%. Any chemicals that are still needed are not as harsh and therefore support the health of our new team members as well as providing a safer workplace for our employees and anyone who comes in contact with our plant material. All of these together will have a positive impact on our footprint here on earth.**

**RCOP has always had an IPM program, but with the introduction of this new program our traditional way of thinking and how we view our plants has changed. Today our plants have healthier color; they don't look hard or plastic and it's ok to see a dead whitefly or a parasitized aphid mummy on a leaf. All of this shows that our new team members are hard at work. These new team members are hungry to locate and devour the "bad bugs" before our grower's even notice a problem. We support their mission by growing plant material in the greenhouses exclusively for the beneficial bugs to snack on while they await the arrival of their meals. Every week we introduce new team members to our greenhouses, these new members are sure go getters!**

**Our philosophy is that it starts at our door but doesn't stop there. The benefits of us using biological controls remain throughout the lifecycle of the plant. We only have one earth, one life, and one chance to better our environment.**

