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New Trees & Shrubs: Install in Fall

Do you have the perfect spot in mind for a new tree or grouping of shrubs? Maybe you lost a plant, or some of your older shrubs need to be replaced because they've become overgrown. Whatever your situation, if you're planning to install trees or shrubs, fall is a great time to do it. The cooler weather and more plentiful moisture give landscape plants a chance to put out roots and get used to their new home before the stress of next summer's heat and dryness is upon them. They will have an extra growing season to become established, and you'll have the pleasure of seeing your new landscape plants bloom or leaf out next spring.



When selecting plants as additions or replacements for your landscape, keep these points in mind:

- Account for the plants' eventual, mature size, and give them enough room to grow. It's a common mistake to space plants based on their size when planted. This can lead to the need for severe pruning or elimination of plants when they begin to approach full size.

- Plant in odd-numbered (1, 3, 5, 7) rather than even-numbered groups for the most pleasing effect.
- Large trees and any shrubs that are top heavy should be staked so that they lean 1 or 2 degrees into the prevailing winds.

Time for Fall Color

Several Varieties of bedding plants are available to us in the fall. With our typically warm climate in the fall we can use Salvia, Marigolds, Cabbage, Portulaca and Coleus.

Coleus is a favorite among clients because of the foliage colors (no blooms). They have colored heart-shaped leaves that provide a long fall season of color to borders and planters. Leaves have attractive patterns, and their colors include chartreuse, green, orange, red, pink, bronze, white, velvet purple & yellow. Most varieties grow best in light or partial shade, although some do fine in full sun if adequate water is supplied. They will grow 8-10" tall and will last up to the first freeze, or when Pansies start arriving.



What Makes a Happy Home for a New Tree?

- Plant where there is good drainage. Most trees hate having "wet feet."
- Dig a large, deep hole and backfill with loose, high-organic soil. Feeder roots will start growing right away and need good soil to grow into.
- Place the plant's root ball at the same depth as it was growing in the nursery.
- Remove plastic twine or plastic burlap from the root ball. If left on, these will strangle the plant.
- Water consistently - only once or twice per week, but deeply. A trickling hose left at the drip line of the tree for several hours works well.



Fall Bloomers!

Camellia sasanqua (Chinese Variety) is an evergreen shrub that forms a loose branched pyramid shape. The leaves are a lustrous dark green & smaller than the Japanese Camellia. The flowers range from whites, pinks, and reds. They bloom from September to December.

Cassia is a deciduous shrub usually around 8 - 12' tall and 6' wide. It has small yellow clusters of flowers that form all over the shrub. Also blooming from September to December.



Fall Chores for Your Landscape

- Inspect plants and lawns for fungus and pests.
- Treat Ant Hills.
- Plan Fall & winter seasonal color beds.
- Re-program your irrigation controller
- Rye grass overseeding.
- Fertilize all Plant Material & Lawns with a root enhancer for winter. (no nitrogen)
- Apply New mulch. Pinestraw or Cypress Mulch. (If yours has discolored or is less than 3" thick.)
- Mow lawns at a higher mower setting.
- Relax and enjoy the cooler temperatures.





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