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Dear Friends,

It definitely took a while, but the hot and humid summer weather finally arrived in August. I must admit that although the cool and wet spring that continued through July wasn't conducive for most outdoor activities (picnics, pool, beach...) it sure made our landscape construction work easier this summer. We were able to work around most of the heavy rains, losing just a few days of work, but truly appreciated the cooler temperatures.

Most plantings benefited from the extended rainy weather, however some flowers and vegetables experienced root rot and foliar diseases due to too much rain and cloudy weather and probably required a second planting.

Well, fall is here now bringing with it those refreshing cool, crisp autumn days where the sky seems bluer and the air cleaner. Plants have entered dormancy, or are nearing it and, with the cooler nights and warm days, the fall season is the preferred time of year for planting and transplanting most trees, shrubs, and perennial flowers. Fall is also the best time to re-seed an old lawn or start a new one.

If you postponed planting projects this spring because of the dismal weather and lost interest when the heat arrived in August, then now is the time to act! Our nursery is filled with freshly dug and newly arrived container plants. Stop by for a visit or call for a landscape consultation and let us help you design and create your own piece of paradise. Plants are our business.

This past August marked the first year of our new glass greenhouse. It has added such a nice touch to the nursery. Everyone comments on its beauty and the wonderful selection of foliage and flowering plants growing inside. I'm glad we finally built it and happy to see so many people benefiting from the new dimension it brings to our store. I was confident there were many people out there who enjoy houseplants as much as I do.

Having skipped the trip to New Hampshire this winter, my family was anxious to return to the White Mountains in August. Monkey Trunks, rope swings and tubing down the Saco River were new adventures. Good food, card games and lots of laughs continue to dominate our evenings together. How fortunate we are that our children get to spend memorable time with their grandparents.

Amy has returned to college for her sophomore year, soon to be followed by Paul who is a senior at the high school. He's fully immersed in soccer this fall and excited about his final year. Caroline is starting her final year at the middle school where she rides shotgun every morning to school with Ellen. She also is playing soccer and has learned to fully appreciate the art of fashion design.

I hope you will take advantage of the 'Fall is for Planting' season and enjoy the wonders of fall. Stop in to see our selection of fall flowers, decorations and bulbs. Seize the Moment.

Sincerely,

Larry
Larry Hindle

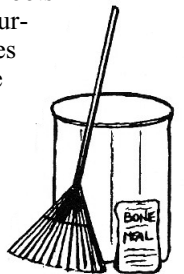
Fall Gardening Tips For a Healthy Landscape Next Spring

Clean Up

Everyone seems to realize the importance of raking the leaves off their lawns in the fall, but doing so under shrubs and trees in your landscape beds can be vital to maintaining disease free plants next year. Foliar diseases were prevalent this year due to an extremely cool and damp spring, followed by above normal summer rainfall. If such diseases occur repeatedly in successive years the overall health and vigor of your plants will decline. When the health of plants is compromised due to disease, they become more susceptible to further damage from insects or adverse environmental factors such as drought.

Because many of these foliar diseases overwinter on fallen leaves and stems, your trees, shrubs and perennial flowers can be easily re-infected if the conditions are favorable next spring. Therefore the key to reducing the potential for disease next year is to do an excellent job of fall clean up of infected plant material this fall. All clean up material, including leaves, infected stems of perennials, and diseased branches of trees and shrubs should be removed and destroyed.

Fertilizing It is important to understand that plant roots continue to grow and take up water and nutrients during the fall months when the soil temperatures remain above 40 degrees. Recent studies have shown that an early fall application of fertilizer will promote healthy spring growth in your trees and shrubs. Nutrients absorbed in the fall are stored within the plant over the winter and provide a boost to next year's flush of new growth. Fall fertilizing, at the proper rate, will not cause late season growth which would then be vulnerable to winter injury, as previously thought. Instead, the winter hardiness of your landscape plants may be increased by a fall application of fertilizer.



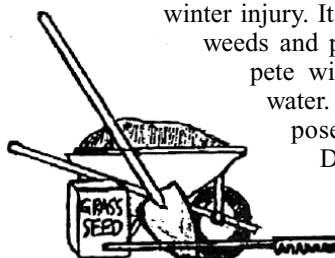
Herbaceous perennial flowers will also benefit from a fall feeding. Adding compost and/or a natural based fertilizer will encourage root development during the fall months, thus increasing the plants winter hardiness and spring growth.

Watering

I have always recommended at least a once per week deep watering of all newly planted trees and shrubs through October and into November or until the ground freezes. As I mentioned above, roots are active during these months even though daytime temperatures are cooling down and we're experiencing nightly frosts. Watering at this time of year will further promote both root development and winter survival, reducing the chances of injury due to desiccation. All plants, new and established, will benefit from weekly waterings especially during a dry fall.

Mulching

Applying an organic mulch around your trees and shrubs for the first time or re-freshing existing beds would be beneficial this fall. Organic mulches help to replicate the soil conditions that exist around plants in nature and serve as an important nutrient source for the underground world of beneficial micro-organisms. A layer of mulch will help to control the extreme fluctuations in soil temperature and moisture, thus reducing possible winter injury. It also inhibits growth of unwanted weeds and plants that would otherwise compete with your plants for nutrients and water. Lastly, organic mulches decompose over time producing humus. During this decomposition, nutrients are slowly released which become available to your plants.



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Fall Planting: It's the Best Time

The soil is generally warm, moist and easy to work in the fall. With shorter days and cooler temperatures plants are becoming dormant. While they have ceased growing branches and foliage for the year, their roots will continue to grow into November, helping the plants to develop an essential root system. Trees, shrubs and perennial flowers planted in the fall will have two full growing seasons (fall and spring) to become established before the heat of next summer arrives.

E- Communication

If you would prefer to receive the Evergreen Newsletter via the internet, please send a note with your e-mail address to evergreentree@verizon.net and we will take you off the hard copy database and add you to the e-mail database. If you are interested in receiving bi-weekly gardening tips (they will be short and sweet in nature) via the internet please indicate this also.

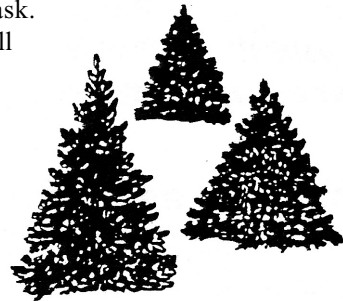
For those of you who know me, going electronic with my newsletter and future gardening tips seems like a stretch, as I still do not have cable and use a rotor and roof antennae. However I do realize the importance and effectiveness of the internet, and that many of my customers utilize it, and I fortunately have co-workers who will guide me through the process.

I have never passed on my newsletter database of addresses to anyone and will not do so with any e-mail addresses we collect. They will always be used only by Evergreen to provide you with our Newsletter and future gardening tips and advice.

Christmas Tree Tagging this Fall at Evergreen

We have been establishing a Christmas tree farm at our nursery here in Seekonk for several years. It has taken some time, as clearing the land has proved to be a slow and laborious task.

However we now have a small section of spruce that are in the 6 to 8 foot height, beautifully shaped and ready for tagging and cutting. **Tagging at Evergreen will be on weekends beginning Saturday, October 31st and continuing through December.**



Annual Christmas Workshop

Mark your calendars now to call or stop in and sign up for our Christmas workshop. Our designers will help you design, make and decorate a wonderful boxwood tree, wreath or candle centerpiece for your home.

Held in one of our greenhouses, this fun-filled workshop has been popular for years. We supply the materials along with complimentary mulled cider, pastries and cookies, while you do the work.

Date: Saturday, November 21, 2009
Time: 11:00 a.m. ~ Cost: \$45.00

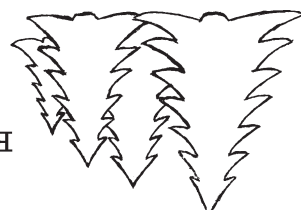
Trees are Cool And They Help the Environment!

Trees obviously help beautify our surroundings but did you know that planting trees can help save energy through their cooling shade in summer and their wind reduction in winter. They also raise your property value, act as sound barriers, absorb harmful carbon dioxide produced from our cars, and manufacture precious oxygen. Wow!

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