

Fall Planting and Pruning



Fall is a great time to plant. Trees, shrubs, perennials, mums, bulbs and pansies love to be planted when the summer heat is gone and the cool fall temperatures begin.

Here are a few rules to remember:

Fall Planting

- Always use a root stimulator when you plant. (But don't fertilize nursery stock once October has arrived.) Also use root stimulator in the spring (April-May) to get them growing again.
- Do not leave them in the pot over the winter.
- Water newly planted shrubs through the winter if there isn't any precipitation for more than a week and no snow pack.

Basic Bulb Planting

- Make sure bulb is a good size and shape, not shrunken and rotten.
- Plan for color, spacing, height, and bloom time.
- Bulbs should be planted when the soil temp is 55 degrees Fahrenheit, or lower.
- Dig hole 1" deeper than needed, put 1 tsp. Bone Meal in the hole. Cover with 1" soil Place bulb in the hole, pointy end up, or sideways if you can't tell, and cover with dirt
- You can also plant a pansy in the hole to make a great show in the spring.
- After your bulbs have finished blooming they should be deadheaded. Leave the green stalks and leaves until they turn brown, then cut back. Also, a fertilizer should be applied after flowering to promote bulb growth.
- Bulbs should be divided every 3 years.

