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October Gardening!

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What a great time of year! It is amazing though how quickly things have turned, especially the leaves. October still seems to be a busy month in the garden. One of, if not the best time of year to plant and purchase hedging, trees and shrubs. Why you ask the best time of year? Because good old Mother Nature does a lot of our watering for us through the next couple seasons. This way by the time summer rolls around most of the trees, shrubs and hedges we have planted are close to being established and will not require *as much* water as they would if we were to do it next spring. Don't worry you still have plenty of time left this fall to do some digging and planting. YEAH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Talk about digging, we still have a fantastic selection of spring flowering bulbs. Make sure your not the one who looks at everyone else's beautiful tulips, daffodils flowering next spring and wish you had got around to planting some. Remember bulbs are a lot of work initially but well worth the effort for years to come.

Even though it has slowed down a bit around here we are all still working hard on improving ourselves and the nursery. From attending meetings and trade shows and going to seminars it is definitely the season of learning. It is also a

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Dividing Perennials

Another great gardening chore that can be done in fall is the division of your perennials. Not all perennials can or should be divided this time of year but there are a great number that can be. Also not every perennial that can be divided needs dividing. Here are a few great reasons to divide your perennials:

- Prevents them from getting to woody in the centre
- Encourages growth in the spring
- Can prevent them from spreading and becoming invasive.
- It is cheaper than buying new ones each spring.

Also most plants can be left for years before they actually need any dividing they will let you know when it is time

great time to come on in and pick our brains for ideas for your garden either it be this season or for ideas in the spring we are always willing to help.

Sales and Events HEDGING SUPER

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EMERALD GREEN CEDARS
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Family Fun Day October 26th at 11am
Come dressed and up and carve pumpkins. This is an event for the whole family and it is free!

usually by dying out in the middle.

- true Lillies
- Peonies
- Iris
- Astilbes
- Bleeding Hearts
- Crocosmia
- Hostas

For a more extensive list of perennials that can be divided this fall drop us a line at brooke@marigoldnurseries.com



HALLOWEEN KIDS CLUB

Halloween kids club is fast approaching and we are ready for all the kids to come dressed up, carve pumpkins, and go on a trick & treat hayride and just have a lot of fun. On the 26th of October, join us here at Marigold at 11 am for some great family fun. The event is free and is well worth the visit, just come prepared for any weather. Hope to see you there!

Tips for a Successful Hedge

1. Dig a trench or a hole for planting your shrubs. The hole or trench should be twice the width of the root ball.
2. Add peat moss and compost to your soil. Peat moss will add humus and help retain moisture while the compost adds organic matter that is full of micronutrients. If your soil is heavy and clay based add some washed sand for drainage.
3. Before planting your hedge make sure they are all well watered. Unwrap the top of the burlap or check the pot to make sure the root ball is moist. If not soak them in a bucket or wheelbarrow of water to ensure they are wet. If you plant a dry root chances are the water will run right over the roots and will not be taken in by the plant.
4. When planting your hedge make sure the root ball is showing. No soil should be over the top of the root ball. .(2-4 inches of soil will kill the average hedge in 4-6 months).
5. Before placing your hedge in the hole add a handful of bonemeal. Bonemeal helps with the development of good, healthy roots.
6. Once planted give your hedge a good deep watering. Making sure the water goes down at least 6 inches. It is better to water 2 times a week with deep soakings then it is to water everyday with shallow watering. When you water deep this forces th roots to go down deeper giving you a healthier, stronger shrub.
7. When planting in the fall bonemeal at time of planting is good. Once the ground cools usually the end of October it is a good time to apply mulch about 3 inches thick around all your shrubs. Making sure not to go to close to the trunk of each plant.
8. To get the best growth on your hedge apply a slow release nitrogen fertilizer to the drip line of each of your plants.

Plant Picks and Tasks for October

Marigolds picks for Fall & Winter!

Flowering Shrubs & Perennials for Late Fall & Winter

Sarcococa - Evergreen with fragrant white flowers in Winter!

Skimmia- Evergreen with flowers and berries in Winter!

Grevellia- Beautiful red flowers, evergreen with a needle leaf.

Gaultheria- Gorgeous red berries on a low evergreen mound. The berries are edible and taste like wintergreen.

Winter Heather- Must I say more!

Lavender & Rosemary- Both these herbs make a great addition to a winter planter.

Other Great Shrubs & Perennials

Junipers- These tried and true shrubs are making a comeback in the everyday landscape.

Eucalyptus- Great for cutting for winter arrangements, they also make a great addition to any warm bath.

Hegding of all types- Great time to plant! (Cedars, Yews, Boxwood, Escallonia, Photinia and Laurels)

TASKS AT HAND FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

1. Time to start splitting your perennials
2. Mulch your garden beds. This will give them the needed nutrients over winter and create a healthy soil for the spring. A good mulch to use are the falling leaves. You can also use compost, manures and Ocean's Plus
3. Plant some "green manure" or also known as Fall Rye of a Legume Mix. This is an excellent fall and winter covercrop to help reguvenate garden soil with organic nitrogen and organic matter. It also is a great way to prevent soil erosion over winter.
4. Mist all of your indoor plants to prevent them from getting spidermite during the winter.
5. Start amaryllis bulbs and paperwhites in time for flowering at Christmas time.
6. Sharpen your tools

CARING FOR YOUR INDOOR BONSAI

Indoor bonsai do very well as a houseplant. They like to be kept in a brightly lit spot and do not like to be placed near any hot and cold

droughts. They need to be watered a little differently than the average houseplant, as their soil can not dry out. So a daily check for watering is necessary. As we turn our heaton inside we must remember that Bonsai require moist air, stand the pot on a water filled pebble tray and mist the leaves occasionally. Pruning during the growing season can be done to maintain shape and to remove unwanted branches.

If you have any further questions for caring for your Bonsais or any other houseplants feel free to contact us @ 250 652 2342 or brooke@marigoldnurseries.com

We hope to see everyone in the near future and that your visit will give some new inspirations for your garden.

Cheers,

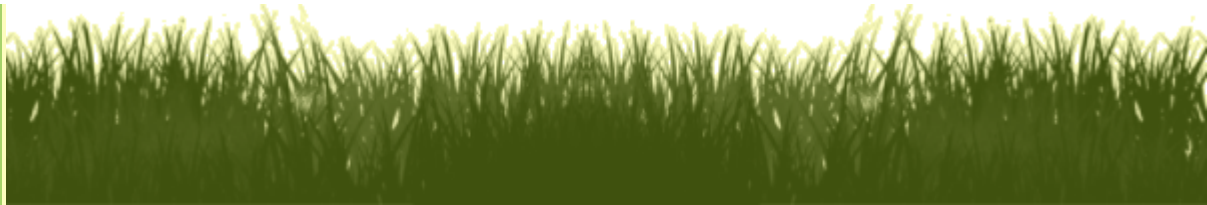
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