

Yard Talk...

Fall is the PERFECT time for planting!

Special points of interest:

- Preparing your yard for fall and winter
- How to be green in your yard
- Calendar of Events

Calendar of Events...

The year is coming to an end on the calendar, however, next years calendar is already filling up with spectacular garden events.

These are some events that Five Oaks Nursery will be participating in. Be sure to stop by our booth and say Hello!

2010

February

- 13th - 14th: The Wilmington Garden Show, Schwartz Center Admission Fee.

March

- 27th—28th: Poplar Grove Plant & Garden Sale, Poplar Grove Plantation. Call for sale times. FREE.

June

- 24th: 10:30 am. 'New-Comer' Lecture at the NHC Arboretum. FREE.

Hours of Operation:

March-October

Mon.—Fri. 8am—5pm.
Sat. 9am-2pm

Sun. Closed

November-February

Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm
Sat. & Sun. Closed

FALL Is Here!!

It is official...as of September 22, Fall has arrived! It is the perfect time of year to plant or transplant shrubs and trees.

We are fortunate to live in an area that has a fabulous Fall season. The air is cooler, the trees put on their spectacular colors and the humidity is down. It is also the time of the year to prepare your yard for the upcoming winter months. Preparation now, will make your yard come alive in the spring.

Shrubs & Trees

Planting trees and shrubs in October and November allows the roots to grow to become more established before the dog days of summer return.

Install plants this time of year just as you would anytime, start with digging the hole twice as wide as the pot and the same depth. Be sure to break the rootball up to encourage the roots to spread. However, this time of year **you do not want to fertilize**. You do not want to have delicate new growth when we get a rare

cold snap during the fall.

Now is also a good time to clean up any diseased or broken parts of your trees and shrubs. Place any damaged pieces in your compost pile. Diseased cuttings need to be discarded.

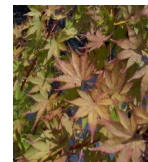
Perennials & Annuals

Cut back perennials just about to the ground.

Leave about an inch to root for next year.

Be sure to rake out your flower beds to remove leaves and debris. Mulch is always a great idea to help insulate.

Spring and Summer annuals need to be pulled out and put in a compost pile. If you have annuals that did well and you enjoyed, you can always take a cutting and root them inside over the winter months—coleus, begonias and impatiens work well.



*Fall foliage on a
Coral Bark Maple*

General Maintenance

Once all of your fall planting is done, there is always plenty of things you can do around the yard.

- Cleaning, sharpening and storing all of your garden tools in a dry place for the winter.
- Start a compost pile.
- Clean existing beds of weeds and fallen leaves.
- Plant fall perennials and annuals.
- Repair any bed edging that has become dislodged or broken.
- Work on trellises that have weakened.
- Start planning your spring garden projects!

Keep your eyes on the Five Oaks Nursery website for monthly sales and specials throughout the year www.fiveoaksnursery.com.

Keep warm and hope to see you at the nursery!

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower"

Albert Camus

Great Ways to Be Green in Your Yard!

We are all trying to practice the three R's—reuse, recycle and renew. There are a few ways you can help the environment starting in your own yard.

Did you know you can use newspapers as a weed block in your flower beds. You can also shred your old newspapers and put them in your compost pile for the worms! Either way, the newspaper will decompose by next spring.

If you have any old pallets laying around, you can place them together and create a walkway. Or disassemble them and use the wood scraps to make birdhouses.

Old wire clothes hangers can work great as weed cloth staples. Cut the hangers into pieces and bend them into u-shapes and secure your cloth or your recycled newspaper weed cloth or traditional.

If you have any suggestions to be greener in your landscape, drop us a line at the nursery to share your ideas.

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