

What is the view from your rear window?



WHEN you look from your rear windows, do you see a beautiful Outdoor Living Room, or an unkempt "back-yard?" Do you see a spot made inviting by trees, shrubs and flowers — or does the view make you instinctively turn away?

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Garden and Landscape

SUCCESSFUL FALL PLANTING OF TREES AND SHRUBS

by Charles Fiore

To plant trees and shrubs in fall will give them many advantages for successful growth that they do not have when planted in the Spring. Most any hardy shrub will serve as an example to illustrate the advantageous conditions existing in fall.

When the first warm days come in spring the sap begins to flow thru the plant and the buds commence to swell. Even though the soil seems cold and wet, the whole plant is alive with the urge of another growing season. When the branches, leaves and flowers are ready to burst forth, every tiny rootlet is called on to supply the needed sap. But all this takes place very early—in fact, so early that outdoor work would be impossible, in most cases, due to the soil being too wet to work with. Consequently plants moved in the spring are taken up after this activity starts and the growth is then checked.

In the fall the opposite is true—the growing season is over and the plant is at rest. Such a dormant plant may be lifted and moved without suffering the shock which is bound to occur when a growing plant is moved.

The actual planting of trees and shrubs is, however, the same at this season of the year as at any other. When planting, do not let the roots become dry; keep them covered at all times with damp sacks or something similar.

Cut off broken or bruised roots just above the place of injury. Shorten any roots that are over-long, with a sharp knife or sharp pruning shears.

Dig generous sized holes with perpendicular sides (never saucer shaped). Put the good dirt to one side so that you can use it around the roots. Loosen the soil in the bottom of the hole. If well rotted cow manure is available it may be mixed with the soil beyond the roots so they will reach out to it as they grow. Another fertilizer to use in place of the cow manure is bone meal. Humus is lacking, however, in bone meal, as well as most other commercial fertilizers. As it is most important in the upkeep and fertility of the soil it should be supplied by the addition of leaf mold, compost and peat moss.

Set trees one to two inches deeper than they stood in the nursery; set shrubs at about the same depth they stood in the nursery, or slightly deeper. Spread roots out naturally and work soil over and around them. Keep putting in good dirt until the hole is nearly full, tramping the dirt firmly about the roots.

If the ground is dry, pour in a bucket of water. Finally fill up the hole with loose dirt, which should not be tramped.

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