

Spring Planting Is Best; Plan For It Now

Practically everything in the way of herbaceous perennials, trees, shrubs and evergreens can be planted in the spring. In fact, early spring planting is considered the best all-around season for planting. At that time the soil is warm, it can be easily worked, and if the plants are set out early they will receive the benefits of all the spring rains and become quite well established before the hot days of summer.

There are only certain hardy herbaceous perennials which are considered to do best if planted in the fall, and most of these can be planted early in spring if they are handled carefully. A few early spring flowering varieties such as Bleeding Heart, Columbine, Hepatica, Iris and Peonies take more kindly to fall planting. Practically all the hardy lilies with the exception of the Madonna lily can best be planted in the early spring.

An important thing to remember in the planting of hardy herbaceous perennials is to select varieties suited to the soil conditions under which they are to grow, preparing the soil to a depth of 18 inches if possible. All flowers respond beautifully to good soil where they can send their roots down to a considerable depth without interference.

Spring planting is considered best for many shrubs including Butterfly Bush, Sweet Shrub, Sumac, Tamarix and Japanese Snowball.

It is not considered safe to plant such trees as Sugar and Red Maple, Beech, Flowering Dogwood, White Birch, Magnolias and poplars at any time of the year except spring, especially in this vicinity where the winters are usually severe.

Coniferous evergreens do best in this section when transplanted during the spring. Some growers say it is best to handle them just as the new growth is starting in late spring, but spring is such a busy time that it

isn't possible for everyone to get their evergreens just at that time. However, if the plants are properly protected so that the ball of earth around the roots does not dry out before the plants are planted, and the soil is then kept fairly moist around the roots after they are set, successful results may be expected.

There is no question about spring planting of fruits. Apples, pears, plums, peaches and cherries are almost certain to be successful if the plants are properly handled when placed in the ground. Grape vines, too, do well when planted in the spring.

Plan your spring garden now and thus be able to enjoy your garden this summer.

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