

Gardening

Plant fruit trees in mid-May

Fruit trees should be set out in home gardens in mid-May. "For the best results, buy quality trees and follow recommended planting procedures," advises Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food horticulturist D.M. Sangster. "Because fruit trees need good drainage, avoid

planting sites with heavy clay soils that retain water and inhibit new root formation." Dig a large hole for each tree to allow plenty of room for root development. Spread a good loam soil around the roots before filling in the hole. After planting, water the tree with one and one-half to two gallons of water.

Prune newly planted trees back to assure a good balance between the tops and root systems to stimulate adequate regrowth. Fruit trees do not need fertilizer during the first year. For proper pollination, plant two varieties of apples, pears, sweet cherries, and plums.

Home Handyman



Harold Loughlin

Phosphates as fertilizers? ... Do you believe that? ... And if you use yours locally and don't send it in great bulk down the drain to pollute, you may improve your lawn and garden a great deal. Unless a detergent is labeled soap or non-phosphate, you should assume it contains phosphates and, therefore, can be used to fertilize your grounds. If you take extra added effort, you can help improve your lawn or garden and at the same time, you're helping to conserve water in the summer. Wash your dishes in a basin rather than in the sink and then dump the water on the lawn or on your flower beds. Do this over and over again and you will see great results!

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Potted plants are for Mother's Day

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"Don't overlook that popular favorite — the potted plant," advises Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food horticulturist D.M. Sangster. "It is a lasting gift and sure to please." The yellow-flowered Princess Anne and the white-flowered Winter Carnival are by far the most popular Chrysanthemums available. However, there are many other 'mum varieties to choose from, including the new ones with daisy-like flowers.

Hydrangeas produce large showy pink, blue or white blooms that last much longer if the plants are kept well-watered.

However, for exceptional endurance in the average home, the Rieger Begonia, with red, pink or yellow flowers against a lush green foliage background, is hard to top.

To please the mother who likes unusual things, try a Gloxinia or an Azalea.

These, along with most other potted plants, last if they are given proper attention. Ask your florist or nurseryman for printed care instructions to give along with the plant.

Replanting trees from the bush is chancey

Imagine yourself hungry, thirsty, and in a strange windy place.

That is the situation trees transplanted from hedgerows, the bush, or woodlots, to gardens find themselves in.

"These trees have a difficult time adapting to their new surroundings," says Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food

horticulturist, J.K. Hughes. "First of all, they frequently do not have enough roots. To prevent this, the homeowner should dig his tree carefully to retain most of the roots.

"He should also be sure they have a large soil ball around them.

"After the tree is transplanted, its top growth should be pruned back about one-third.

"However, the tree may still die because its tap roots had not been cut a year or so ahead as they would have been in most nurseries."

Although most trees naturally grow in a bush or heavily wooded situation where they are protected from the wind, many homeowners plant their freshly dug trees in the middle of lawns where they are not.

Increased evaporation (due to exposed leaf surfaces) and other wind damages result.

"The leaves of trees that survive are usually rough and dark in the first year," says Mr. Hughes.

"However, as the trees acclimatize, their appearance and growth become more normal. The homeowner should go to a nursery for a tree that is almost sure to thrive, if handled properly.

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