



### Hello To All!

Fall is upon us. It is time to prepare the garden for winter and begin thinking about next spring and new beginnings. Since the recent tragedy, we all need a sense of purpose and a sense of hope. Renew life and hope by planting. Plant a tree, a shrub, or a garden to honor our fellow Americans who gave their lives. After all, the Liberty Tree gave our forefathers the hope to protect our freedoms.

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**Landscape designs and consultations are available by appointment.**

If you have any helpful hints that you would like to share, or questions you would like answers for, continue to let us know. If you have access to the internet, check out [www.ezdesignco.com](http://www.ezdesignco.com).

### Helpful Hints

**Lawns:** If you need to make lawn repairs, September and October are good months to reseed. The ground is warm but the air is not hot to deplete the moisture in the soil. You will need to water to get germination. Winterizing fertilizer is good to apply in late fall, to help root growth over the winter.

**Bulbs:** Plant spring blooming bulbs at this time.

### Helpful Garden Hints

Summer has not been kind to many of our gardens. Please remember to water once a week until the ground freezes if we do not receive a minimum of 1" of rain per week. Don't forget your mature plants need water as well. A dry winter will result in death of many plants by spring, thus the importance of watering.

Mulch should never be applied over the crown of perennials or low growing branches of the shrubs. Remember to only have 2"-3" of mulch covering your beds. If you have too much mulch, just loosen it, turn it over, and spread extra to other areas. You will get a dark color from the underneath layer as you turn it over. Hardwood mulch has a tendency to pack and prevent water from soaking into the soil. Over mulching can cause poor root growth, insect and disease problems, and damage to trunks of plants. **Mounding is not the method of choice.**

Pruning of trees and shrubs should be done after leaves fall off to get the best shape. **Ortho's All about Pruning** book is an excellent guide for pruning instructions. If you would hands on instructions, contact us and we can set up a class for you and your friends an/or neighbors who might be interested in learning proper pruning techniques.

### Helpful Hints

**Winter Care:** Use of Wilt-Pruf or Horticultural oil on your evergreens and newly planted deciduous plants will help prevent the plants from drying out over during the strong winter winds. Application takes place in November and if weather cooperates in February. Follow the application directions on the labels.

**Perennials:** Fall is the time to dig up the spring, early and mid summer flowering perennials to divide and rejuvenate them. Deadhead perennials to prevent spread unless you are feeding the birds.

*Happy Gardening*

### Busy Lizzie's Mailbox

#### Fall is For Planting

Planting Tips: when planting container grown plants, plant only as deep as the root ball is. Be sure to loosen up roots so they spread out and take up water. When planting plants that have a burlap wrap around the root ball, cut off about 1/3 of the burlap so that the burlap is below surface level, so that the burlap doesn't act like a wick and dry out the root ball. Plant only as deep as the root ball is. Be sure to firmly pack down the soil around the root ball to remove all air pockets that could prevent the proper amount of water to be available to the plant

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