



### Hello To All!

Where did summer go? I think most of us spent a lot of time trying to keep cool. The gardens have been waiting for rain and cooler temperatures as well. Hopefully, the fall will bring both. Nature does have a way of taking care of itself. It just might not fit into our plans.

Speaking of plans, now is a good time to prepare for any renovations or replacements in the garden.

**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

#### **Drought tolerant plants:**

Drought tolerant plants survive prolonged periods of drought with minimal amounts of rain, but do need some moisture. Here is a repeat of DEP's website for watering guidelines:

[www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/subject/hotopics/drought/FAQ.htm](http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/subject/hotopics/drought/FAQ.htm)

email address:

[droughtinfo@state.pa.us](mailto:droughtinfo@state.pa.us)

**Phone: 1-717-772-4048**

### Helpful Garden Hints

Here is a partial list of plants that have survived with minimal water:

#### Perennials:

Gaillardia, coneflowers, daylilies, blue fescue, liriope, gaura, coreopsis, knautia, redhot poker, miscanthus grasses, russian sage, oregano, thyme, germander, sedum, soloman seal, Japanese iris, shrub and rugosa roses, soapwort, candy tuft, lavender, lamb's ear

#### Trees and shrubs:

Blue Mist, St. John's wort, junipers, false cypress (Chamaecyparis), spruces, most pines, heath and heathers, butterfly bush, burning bush, euonymus, mahonia, nandina, potentilla, Hackberry tree, redbuds, honey locust, golden chain tree, crape myrtle, spireas, nut trees, sweet gum, oaks.

Remember though, newly planted trees, shrubs, and perennials, regardless to their drought tolerance, need to be watered regularly until they have developed adequate roots to support their growth. Perennials take 1 – 2 years. Shrubs take a minimum of two years and a good rule of thumb for trees – 1 year per inch of diameter (caliper) of tree trunk.

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If you are tired of standing at each plant to water each plant thoroughly, you may want to consider putting in a drip irrigation system. There are sophisticated systems to simple systems that you can install yourself. If you wish to do it yourself, An E-Z Design Co. carries the components for installation. An E-Z Design Co. could install it if you choose not to install it yourself. Please see the attached information.

### *Happy Gardening*

### **Busy Lizzie's Mailbox**

#### **Fall is For Planting**

Planting Tips: Plant spring blooming bulbs such as daffodils and tulips in the fall.

Check care sheets for information on fall care in the garden or Contact An E-Z Design Co. for assistance.

**Hemlock Woolly Adelgid** is an insect that has become a serious problem to the hemlocks the past few years. The use of Horticultural oils late September – October is the best time to begin controlling the insect. A reapplication in mid-late June should be done weather permitting. This can be done by you, otherwise, contact a professional applicator.

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