



Hello To All!

As the leaves begin to change color, I start to reflect over this past growing season. It was nice to not have to worry about watering plants this year. The wet season did produced its own set of challenges. I would like to share some of my gardening experiences from this year.

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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

Helpful Hints

Leaf fungi

Bulbs: Plant spring blooming bulbs at this time.

Helpful Garden Hints

This year I had the opportunity to watch a procedure to help save trees that were either planted too deep or over mulched. The procedure was called root collar excavation. The procedure is to remove soil or mulch from the trunk and root crown. The purpose is to allow air to get to the root crown and prevent the bark from softening. This procedure prevents insects and diseases from attacking the tree through the bark. Diseases and insects can live in soil and mulch. I have posted an article about the procedure on my website. I feel that a repeat of mulching tips and planting instructions is appropriate. 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 as 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.**

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

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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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