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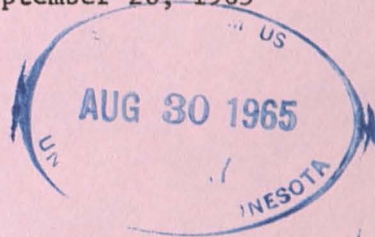
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*Yard 'n' Garden*



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FALL TRANSPLANTING

Shrubs for landscape purposes can be transplanted in the fall of the year. However, it is often necessary to take steps to protect the shrubs to carry them through the first winter successfully. Deciduous shrubs should usually be planted after they begin to show signs of dormancy. Plant evergreens early enough so that they will establish a good root system before the ground freezes this fall. All container-grown nursery materials can be planted successfully in the fall of the year.

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Care in the planting gives greater success in the long run. It is essential that the planting hole be properly excavated. Be sure that the hole is large enough to allow for a good reservoir of water and for good root development. If the soil is especially heavy, make a good sized hole and fill it with good top soil.

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When you set the shrub in the hole, spread the roots out carefully so they become in contact with the soil. This contact with the soil makes it possible for the shrub to take up water more easily and provides better anchorage. Firm the soil next to the roots either by tapping or by walking on the soil after the hole is filled. After filling the hole, soak the soil thoroughly with water.

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If you plant a shrub or tree in very light soil, make the watering hole below grade. If the shrub is planted on a heavier soil, the fill around the hole should be raised to slightly above grade to prevent water from draining into the planting hole itself. However, leave a rim to allow for hand watering.

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In planting evergreens it's not necessary to remove the burlap wrapping around the shrub. After the shrub is placed in the hole the burlap can be peeled back so it is below the soil surface. The burlap should not be removed before the shrub is placed in the hole. The purpose of the burlap is to hold the soil ball intact during the planting process.

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Often it is a good idea to use a light mulch around the newly planted trees and shrubs during the first winter to prevent deep freezing of the soil and also to delay freezing so that roots will develop later in the fall.

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