

## **Timely Tip for September From Calloway's Nursery**

Fall is a perfect time to evaluate your landscape and flowerbeds. If you are looking to replace existing plants or thinking of creating new beds, you have found the right time! Nursery stock planted now will have an opportunity for roots to settle in and become established. When Spring arrives, this root system can support and take full advantage of the surge of Spring growth. This is also an excellent time to evaluate your existing beds and remove those items that struggled with the Summer conditions and replace them with proven winners. Fresh stock is arriving daily so the selection is great!

You might want to think about planting a shade tree this Fall. Things to consider are shade trees planted on the south and west sides of property provide cooling shade that is useful over outdoor living spaces, play areas, driveways, large windows and glass doors. From a design standpoint, front yard trees positioned off each corner of the front of the house balance the overall look. In the back yard, trees sometimes are used for accenting. To make sure there's room for a tree, check for utility lines and that the space can accommodate the tree's mature height and spread.

An ornamental tree for planting in the Fall is the Japanese Maple. Prized for its foliage throughout the growing season, the Japanese Maple also shows its true colors in Fall. The brilliant Fall foliage lights up the garden and the textured bark and contorted branches provide winter interest. Use as an accent tree or in patio containers. The Japanese Maple is a favorite among gardeners everywhere.

Regardless of what you plant in the Fall, remember to water all newly planted items with a root stimulator mix. This will help reduce transplant shock and promote stronger, healthier roots. Also, apply 2 to 3 inches of mulch to conserve moisture, prevent weeds and to maintain a more even soil temperature.

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