



ALL THE LATEST DIRT

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DESIGN & PLANT THIS FALL

Another fall planting season is fast approaching! The cooler temperatures and traditional fall rains combine for ideal conditions to add colour to the garden and to get a jump start on spring. Consider the following list of plants for fall colour and winter interest in your landscape:

Trees and shrubs to be considered include Rose of Sharon (available in tree and shrub form) which are grown with a wide range of colourful blooms, Butterfly Bush (buddleia) which attract butterflies, and Caryopteris with its delicate blue flowers. Tamarisk has the appearance of an evergreen yet it will produce a beautiful fall flush of tiny pink flowers. Chokeberry (Aronia) has scarlet coloured berries for the birds and bright fall foliage. Burning bush and Sweetspire (Itea virginica) have the same bright red fall leaves. Dogwood, Corkscrew Willow, Corkscrew Hazel and Japanese Kerria, will also give fall interest and brightly coloured twigs for the winter garden. Prune some of these branches for your fall and winter planters! Also take a moment to look at the assortment of fall colour promised by the entire Viburnum family, and the infamous Staghorn Sumac with pretty seed pods and brilliant fall foliage.

Perennials, with careful selection can prolong bloom time well into October. Asters, Dianthus, Coreopsis, Pansies, Sedum, Rudbeckia, Monkshood, Boltonia, Chelone, and Toadlily, are just some to name a few. Do not overlook the beauty of the fall plumes held by most Ornamental Grasses also known as the 'Play things of the Wind'. Pay special attention to the novelty of the Reed grass, Mosquito grass, or the tidy appearance and small plumes of Little Bunny grass.

Fall Mums are also available in a wide range of colours. Plant these with ornamental kale to add interest and texture to your fall garden. Plan now for a garden with four-season colour and interest!



Rudbeckia

PLAGUED WITH INSECTS & DISEASES?

The staff of Connon Nurseries recently gathered together to discuss concerns and complaints that our customers are voicing in regards to pest and disease problems in their gardens. It is our goal that this will answer many questions for our readers.

Euonymus Scale:

Often seen as dark brown or gray pear-shaped, hard shelled, 1/2 - 2mm in size insects attached to the stems of the euonymus. The first brood appears in May, the second and third appear in July and September.

Treatment: Prune out heavily populated areas including sickly branches. An early treatment of Horticultural Oil is effective on all stages of the life cycle. Insecticidal soaps are a good alternative and can be used with a frequency not available with insecticides. Contact insecticides are also useful such as Diazinon, Malathion, Chlorpyrifos, and Sevin.

Tar Spot On Maples:

Symptoms usually appear mid-June as pale yellow spots in mid-June. They are usually 1/8 inch in diameter. As the spots enlarge the colour intensifies. A single black spot appears in the yellow spot in early August. There are several different strains of Tar Spot but the treatment is always the same. In some cases the fungus will also attack the seed pod. A common reaction by the tree will be premature leaf drop. Very little long term damage has been noticed in the infected trees.

Treatment: Research has found that a sanitary approach is often the most effective. Any infected leaves that drop to the ground should be removed from sight and disposed of immediately. The fungi that causes Tar Spot can over-winter on fallen foliage. By spring of the next year the spore pod ruptures and minute spores become air borne. The application of fungicides should only be considered when there is a high level of infection. Control of Tar Spot is difficult and once a fungicide is used it will likely be needed every year after that.



West Nile Virus:

A disease found in wild birds and transmitted by different mosquitoes in Ontario.


Treatment: While we are not professionals in the medical field, we can share some garden variety plants that deter mosquitoes. Basil, Calendula, Coreopsis, Coriander, Cosmos, Geranium (Citronella) French Marigolds and most mints.

Further Recommendations: If you have a water feature, introduce Mosquito Fish (*Gambusia affinis*) or Gold Fish. Gold Fish are not as effective but will still help control mosquitos by eating larvae.

Clematis Wilt:

A common problem during the hot days of summer. The clematis wilts and dies back quite suddenly.

Treatment: When planting the clematis you should place 2 - 4 inches of mulch at the base to keep the roots cool. If the clematis has wilted already, cut back to a set of buds above soil level, and mulch around the base and fertilize every 2 weeks with **Miracle Grow**.



Did you know that you can continue to treat Lawn Grubs effectively up to the end of September and still have enough time to top dress dead patches in your lawn!

GET A FALL START



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Landscape Designer

While the end of summer might seem like the end of the gardening season for some, the fall is actually a great time to have your gardens designed and planted. Take advantage this autumn season, and introduce new perennials, shrubs and trees into your new or existing landscape. You'll achieve great results for next spring!

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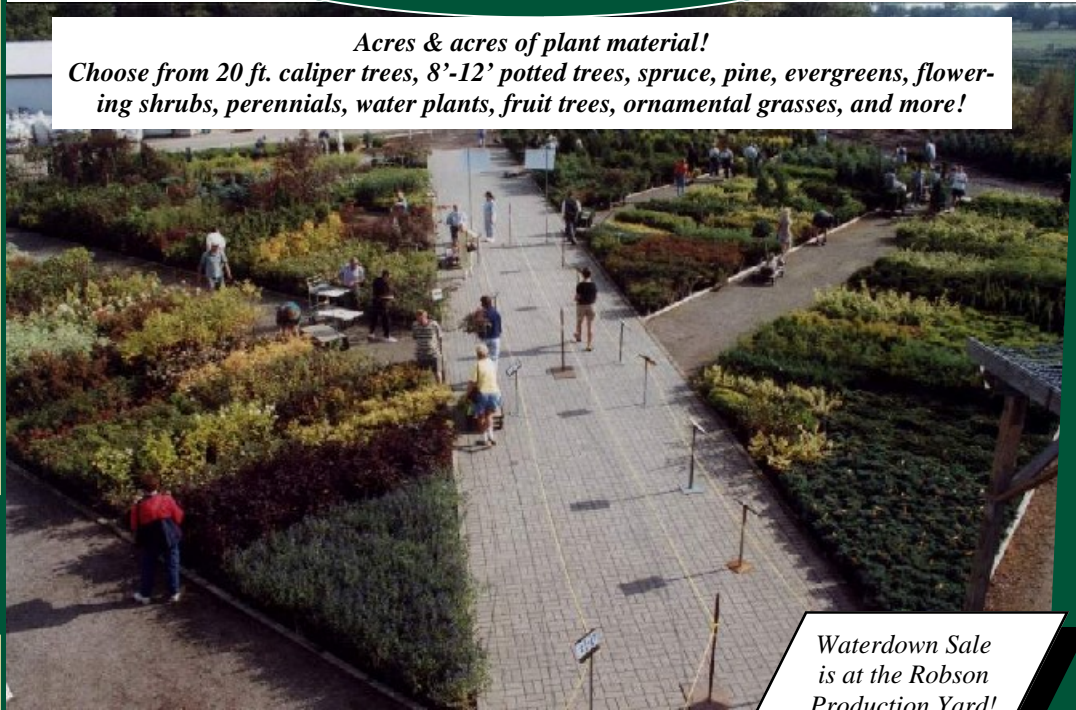
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