



Fall is for Planting ... Trees and Shrubs



Fall is a great time to plant trees and shrubs ... for several very good reasons. One often overlooked advantage of fall planting is that you can actually see the trees and shrubs in their glorious fall colors before you plant. A visit to Johnson's nursery at this time of year will help you find the perfect autumn colors to suit your taste and fit your landscape.

Secondly, in the fall, soil temperatures remain high long after the air temperature has dropped. Warm soil creates the perfect environment for rapid root development while lower air temperature reduces the demand for water and reduces the leaves' nutrient requirements. This combination gives roots everything needed for establishment, with two seasons of growth before stress of summer heat.

Properly planted trees and shrubs will reward you with years of beauty in your landscape. To ensure successful fall planting, follow the simple steps on our Tree and Shrub Planting Guide.

Every autumn, Mother Nature takes out her paintbrush and changes the various shades of green in our landscape into brilliant yellows, shocking oranges, and breathtaking shades of red, burgundy and purple. If you would like to invite Mother Nature's palette into your landscape, there are many trees, shrubs and vines to choose from. Start with some of our favorites for fall color:

Shrubs with Fall Color

- Oakleaf Hydrangea—purple
- Glossy Red Chokeberry—bright flame red
- Burning Bush—flame red
- Itea (Sweetspire)—light to deep red
- Nandinas—red
- Spireas—from copper to flame red
(depends on variety)
- Witch Hazel—yellow-orange
- Smoketree—scarlet
- Alleghany Viburnum—red fruit changing
to black
- Alfredo Viburnum—deep red

Vines for Fall Color

- Berris Jubilee Woodbine—showy red fruits
- Virginia Creeper—scarlet to orange-red
- Boston Ivy (Green Showers, Fenway Park,
Ginza Lights)—red-purple

Trees with Fall Color

- Serviceberry—orange red to flame red
- Northern Red Oak—bright red
- Shumard Oak—bright red
- Pin Oak—deep to bright red
- Sweet Gum—deep/bright red
- Cockspur Hawthorn—orange to rusty orange
- Amur Maple—flame red
- Autumn Blaze Maple—flame red to deep red
to orange
- October Glory Maple—bright red
- Red Sunset Maple—bright red
- Legacy Sugar Maple—orange to red
- Aristocrat Pear—deep purple
- Chanticleer Pear—deep purple
- Autumn Purple Ash—deep purple/maroon
- Autumn Applause Ash—deep purple/maroon

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