

Fall Planting

There is much confusion about fall planting. Fall is an excellent time of year to plant trees and shrubs. Because of heavy fall rains watering is not as critical, although the soil should still be checked for sufficient moisture. The larger the tree or shrub the more water it requires.

Trees and shrubs can be removed from pots and planted in the ground at any time of year. The reason for this is because none of the roots are being cut or damaged. In the fall plants are at the end of the growing season so they are not putting a heavy demand on the root system. Once a plant has reached its dormant state, approximately the end of October, they become even more resilient to stress. Dormancy varies from plant to plant, but roughly lasts from November to March. The best time of year to dig trees and shrubs out of the ground and move them to a new location is the dormant season.

- The more damage you do to the roots the more you will need to water them in the spring.
- Trees and shrubs that are planted in the fall will still need you to water them in the spring, just not as heavily as if you just planted it.