

## What's Happening – April 2020

### Gardening is Essential

As so many folks are stuck at home now due to the coronavirus outbreak, we want to remind our customers that gardening can be a rewarding activity during this challenging time. Here at Evergreen Nursery we're committed to bringing you all you need to keep your landscape thriving, while providing a safe environment for our customers and employees. Not only that, your shopping experience here at Evergreen is unique in that you can drive thru our 50-acre sites and shop from the comfort and security of your own car.



People generally think of gardening and landscaping as a way to beautify their environment. But gardening is more than pretty flowers and curb appeal. Plants are vital to our lives in so many different ways. There are plenty of reasons to keep gardening!

To begin with, plants purify our air. Trees and plants remove pollutants from the atmosphere while producing oxygen and providing us clean air to breathe. In our urban landscapes they also reduce noise and air pollution caused by traffic.

Plants make us feel better, too, by helping with climate control. Green groundcovers like [Moneywort](#) or [Green Carpet](#) can reduce the ambient temperature up to 10°F. A strategically placed shade tree like a [Wilson Olive](#) Tree or [New Zealand Christmas Tree](#) will cool your house and help lower your energy bills. Plants also increase the humidity in our environment – a big help in our dry climate.

Plants create windbreaks and privacy screens. You're probably familiar with popular choices like [Italian Cypress](#), [Bay Laurel](#), and [Texas Privet](#). Planting shrubs like [Rosemary](#) and [Grevillea](#) on slopes along with a deep-rooted groundcover such as [Myoporum](#) helps control erosion. Fire resistant plants like [Iceplant](#) and [Bird of Paradise](#) create defensible space around your home.

And of course, plants provide food. Keep your edible gardens growing by choosing from our huge selection of [citrus](#) and [stone fruit](#) trees, as well as [vegetables](#) and [herbs](#) to flavor your dishes. Remember food fresh from the garden provides more nutrients, too. If you're fortunate to already have a citrus tree or two in your yard you're probably enjoying the amazing flavor of fresh citrus and the benefits of Vitamin C!

Tending to your garden is also good for your health. Gardening burns calories, improves flexibility, boosts Vitamin D levels, and is just plain fun! Working – or just relaxing - in your yard is a great way to unwind. So keep on planting! Whether you need a few bags of good soil, some flowering plants to brighten your day (don't forget now's the time to plant roses!), or are using this time to tackle a garden overhaul – come on in, we'll be waiting for you right here at Evergreen Nursery.