

What's Happening – September 2020

It's Hot, but You Can Keep Planting!

Spring and fall might be the peak seasons for planting, but that doesn't mean you need to deny yourself new plants in late summer. Your garden might have empty spots you can't wait to fill, or you've finally found that plant you've been searching for forever. One of the benefits of planting in late summer is you can choose plants while in their full form. They're already leafed out, with summer blooming varieties showing off their true colors.

The good news is our container-grown plants at Evergreen Nursery are already acclimated to summer's heat. With a few extra precautions you can help them adjust to their new surroundings. Choose from a large variety of hardy shrubs like [Boxwood](#), [Juniper](#), and [Knock Out Roses](#), and heat-loving perennials like [Daylilies](#), [Plumbago](#), [Pentas](#), [Salvia](#), and [Sea Lavender](#). It's also a good time to plant late color annuals like [Celosia](#), [Cosmos](#), [Marigolds](#), and [Impatiens](#).



Plant in the evening when temperatures are cooler. Nighttime temperatures give the new plant a half day's break before the weather heats up again. Follow [basic planting](#) guidelines, with one extra tip for high heat: fill your newly dug hole with water and allow it to drain before planting to ensure the surrounding soil is thoroughly moist. Top the soil around new plantings with 2-3 inches of mulch to help retain moisture. Just be sure not to cover trunks or stems with any of the mulch. For the first weeks as plants become established, water as often as needed to keep soil moist. For some extra protection for young trees like [Crape Myrtles](#), [Eucalyptus](#), [Olive](#) trees and [Citrus](#) trees, add some temporary shade while they become established. This can be as simple as a piece of shade cloth positioned to block out afternoon sun.

Don't forget to protect yourself, too! Slather on the sun block. Drink plenty of water. And come on in, bring the kids and the dog – we'll be waiting right here for you at Evergreen Nursery.