Fall Into Winter

The past few weeks have been extremely busy for Louisiana Nursery as we transitioned our stores from spring into stock for the fall and winter season. I wanted to remind everyone that we just received our last shipment of Pumpkins, along with a ton more plants that'd go great for fall through winter. Crotons, Garden Mums, and Camellias still line up the lots, so please come grab some while they're still on sale.

As temperatures drop, there are a few things you'll want to do maintenance-wise in your garden. Moving any herbs indoors will probably be necessary even in Louisiana. Our freeze patterns have been more erratic every year and it's very likely that perennials will need to be transplanted or covered a few times over the coming months.

As leaves fall, don't rush out to rake them up! I know everyone wants the perfect looking lawn, but leaves are Mother Nature's fertilizer. I've never seen any downside to just mowing leaves with the rest of your grass once or twice a year. If you're especially conscious of it, I would say to just crush up what you can by hand and use it in the garden bed and around trees as a mulch. It really does wonders and this way your lawn will stay spotless!

As daylight hours shrink, try to keep track of the hours of sunlight you receive in different parts of your yard. Most people come into the nursery with a few ideas about the plants they want or the color. However, their plan gets turned upside down the moment I asked how much sun they receive. This is something you'll want to know for different times of the year as well. As an example, I planted a dwarf crepe myrtle tree out front in the spring of this year. The springtime gave it tons of direct sunlight throughout the day and it blooms fantastically.



Now that we are approach the winter, my tree is not only receiving less hours of sun per day, but the direction has shifted slightly to behind a tree. This means I'm seeing next to no active flowers on the tree for the moment.

Hope these tips serve you well!

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