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Your Garden Guide



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*Our garden centre is located 10 km
South of Woodstock on Highway 59
at Holbrook*

Dear Gardening Friends:

We hope all have enjoyed gardening this past season. With the beautiful sun, our plants are growing splendidly and making a real showcase of our flowerbeds. Flowers are in bloom, adding splashes of colour to the yard and filling the air with delightful scents. Water is indispensable in the garden, and it can be a wonderful decorative attraction as well. A fountain just off the deck or a birdbath in the garden will bring these areas of your outdoor environment to life, bringing you the soothing effects of the sound of running water. Pure enjoyment!

Our show garden is nearing completion, so please browse through freely taking great ideas to incorporate into your very own garden. For our new gardeners, it may seem a little overwhelming where to start, so why not stop by and talk to Brian, our in-house landscape designer, who will be pleased to draw a design and...we could install it for you too! It's that easy! For our established gardeners, we know you'll enjoy our fresh ideas and new plants!


Our 17th annual **Family Day** is planned for **Saturday, September 22, 2007**... an eventful day for the whole family with complimentary refreshments plus **we pay the tax** on all items store-wide!! A special thanks to all of our customers this past gardening season! We wish your gardens success through the winter months and hope to see you back in the spring for new vibrant ideas. Last but not least, a huge thank you to our staff for their day-to-day dedication and commitment, especially through the spring rush.



Jan and Susie Veldhuizen



Autumn Checklist for Your Garden

- ✓ Winterize your Rose bushes, Azaleas, Rhododendrons, Yews, Alberta Spruce, and upright Junipers.
- ✓ Feed your lawn with **Botanix** Fall Fertilizer; the nutrients will help protect the grass throughout the winter and gives it a good boost for next spring.
- ✓ Protect your less hardy plants when winter sets in by wrapping them in burlap.
- ✓ Pull out your Annuals and put them on the compost pile, get your garden ready and plant your spring-flowering bulbs like tulips, crocus, daffodils, hyacinths etc. 
- ✓ To get some good fall colour, plant some hardy mums. We have plenty in stock and they are in full bloom.
- ✓ Seed over bare spots in lawn.
- ✓ Rake up fallen leaves and add to compost pile.
- ✓ Dig up tender summer flowering bulbs and store in the basement.

~ RELAX THIS WINTER ~

Botanix Oxford Insta-Shade - Your Gardening Expert!

Tree of the Month (*Acer Rubrum* – Native Red Maples)

One of the most common questions at our garden centre is “Where are your Red Maples?” People frequently mistake red leaved “Royal Red Maples” or “Crimson King Maples,” which are both types of Norway Maples, for Red Maples. True Red Maples or *Acer Rubrum*, are native trees that have green leaves during the summer and brilliant fall colour ranging from orange to brilliant red. **Botanix Oxford Insta-Shade Inc.** carries several varieties of these majestic native trees. Plant *Acer Rubrum* varieties where they will receive at least 8 hours of direct sunlight per day. Although they are tolerant of many soil types from sandy to clay, they prefer the soil to be slightly acidic and moist.

Acer Rubrum “**Red Sunset**” is an excellent choice for lawn or street planting. It is considered one of the best varieties of Red Maples. Faster growing than Sugar Maples, but not as rapid as the softer Silver Maples, this variety can grow to a height of 60’ with a width to match.

Red Sunset Red Maples are one of the earliest varieties to change into fall colour, which can range from brilliant orange to bright red. One of the first signs of spring is the tiny red flowers that cover the stems and branches of these trees for a few weeks before the leaves emerge.

October Glory Red Maple is one of the most popular varieties of *Acer Rubrum*. It is a fast growing variety. The fall colour is usually orange-red to ember red, although the fall colour tends to show up a little later than some of the other varieties. *October Glory* has red coloured keys that

are visually attractive. These keys are a good source of food for several kinds of birds.



Acer Rubrum “**Sun Valley**” is an excellent variety to choose if your space is limited. This is a recently introduced variety, which is smaller with a mature height of around 30-40’. Because this variety is a male selection, this variety does not produce keys. Its fall colour is excellent and tends to be long lasting.

Red Somerset is another newer variety of Red Maple. It is adaptable to a wide range of soil conditions, but it performs best in slightly acid, moist soils. This is a medium sized tree that does not produce maple keys.

If you are planning to plant a tree further north at your cottage, *Northwood Red Maple* is the variety to choose. It is the hardiest variety of Red Maple. It has a straight trunk and a good branch structure.

All of the above varieties are available potted, and selected

varieties are available in our fields if you are looking for a caliper-sized tree. Come out to **Botanix Oxford Insta-Shade** this autumn (sooner than later) to select a tree and to witness their spectacular fall colour yourself.

We have over 90 acres of trees to choose from at **Botanix Oxford Insta-Shade**...and believe it or not, **WE PAY YOUR TAX** on **Saturday, September 22, 2007**, even on trees! The short drive down to Burgessville is well worth the time, the savings, and the remarkable beauty. Make an investment for the future...plant a tree today!



***Acer Rubrum* – Native Red Maple**

Now is the time to plant a tree or...transplant a tree

Fall is the time to plant and transplant trees. Our fleet now includes three spades...*to serve you better!* A 90" spade, a 80" spade, and a 40" spade. With the addition of our 90" spade we can now transplant trees with a nine-inch (9") trunk diameter.

Your trees are in *good hands on the move* with our qualified tree spade operators. They ensure planting is perfected to give your trees a fresh start in their new location.

Watering is always the big question for any newly planted tree, small or large. We have handouts on watering guidelines that can be picked up at our garden centre, or ask our operators your watering questions when they plant your tree(s). Yes, we are *'the big tree movers'*!

As mentioned above, our fleet now includes three spades. We serve all of South Western Ontario and offer free quotes!

Botanix Events Calendar 2007

Please Post

Sept. 22 **Family Day**
WE PAY YOUR TAX

Oct. 8 **Thanksgiving Day**
Garden Centre Closed

Dec. 24 **Garden Centre Closed for the Season** (Call Brian at 519-424-2180 as he will be available for all your Landscape Design needs. Think Spring!)

Mar. 3/08 **Garden Centre Re-Opens**
Enjoy your garden every day!



Landscaping is a big part of our business too!

Brian, our Professional Landscape Designer, with the landscape crew, has been very busy this season landscaping some very unique and spectacular designs. We focus on uniqueness, quality work and friendly service. Installing a patio and bar with interlocking stone; creating interlocking stone walkways; and, planting some one-of-a-kind back and front yards, just to name a few. The ideas are endless, and it all depends on *you* as to how we can make *your* yard a *dream come true*. Landscaping can still be done late in the fall for your enjoyment first thing next spring. Don't forget to book you fall and spring pruning now! A big thanks to all of our clients for your tremendous support, resulting in an enjoyable season!





**Garden Centre and Tree Farm
Landscape Design:**

- Landscaping
- Large Tree Sales
- Paving Stone
- Interlocking Retaining Walls
- Tree Transplanting
- Ponds and Watergardening
- Sodding and Seeding
- Computer Landscape Design

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**GARDEN CENTRE
FALL HOURS**

Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Closed Sunday
 We'll be closed from Dec. 24th to March 3rd



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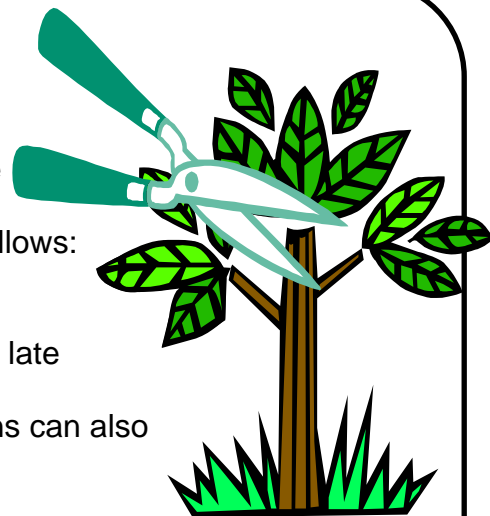
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You asked us!

Question: Which trees or shrubs should I prune in the Fall?

Answer: Pruning in the Fall can stimulate growth that won't have time to harden off before cold weather arrives. Also, pruning wounds may not have time to heal. General guidelines for routine pruning are as follows:

- Prune trees, including fruit trees, in late winter.
- Prune spring-flowering shrubs immediately after bloom.
- Prune late-flowering shrubs (blooming in mid to late summer) in late winter or early spring.
- Prune evergreens in winter and early spring; needled evergreens can also take a very modest pruning in early summer.



Question: So...can I prune anything in the Fall?

Answer: It's okay to remove diseased, dead or broken branches any time of the year and especially in the Fall. Allowing diseased parts to linger on a tree over the winter could bring on headaches the next spring. Gardeners sometimes prune heavy bleeders like Birches and Maples in the Fall if their sap would fall on sidewalks and patios. Also, the need to remove branches that could, if

laden with snow or ice, interfere with power lines or structures, justifies pruning at any time, including the Fall.

Question: Where can I buy good pruning shears?

Answer: Good sharp pruning shears are available at Botanix Oxford Insta-Shade where **you'll save the tax** on September 22nd. We also provide pruning services.



BONUS BUCKS

With every cash and carry purchase in our garden centre, our customers receive **Botanix Oxford Insta-Shade** Bonus Bucks worth 5% of their purchase. Our Bonus Bucks are redeemable at any time in our garden centre on any merchandise in stock.

Be sure to use your Bonus Bucks!

