

**Greenkeeper's
Landscapes**

Where Reliable Service is ALWAYS in Season

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Greetings from Randal

I've said it before and I'll
say it again!

Fall is for Planting!

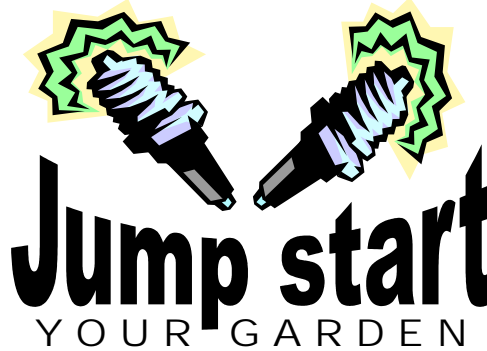
Perennials, trees, shrubs and bulbs all enjoy getting a jump start by going in the ground in the cooler temperatures of fall. And just wait until next spring, you won't be sorry you got started early. When everyone else is trying to get scheduled for spring, your project will be completed and you'll be able to enjoy the whole season with it! Call one of our professionals today at 918-234-3810 to let us begin designing your dream landscape, landscape lighting or water feature.

Thanks for your business,
past and future.

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by Planting a Season Ahead

Few gardeners can resist the springtime urge to dig in the dirt. The team at Greenkeeper's Landscapes especially understands – plant lovers like us come down with spring fever to be sure! However, if you have an opportunity to install your landscaping in the Fall, you can reap the following benefits.

What We're Doing On Your Property In October

- Second Seeding & Fertilizing on Overseeded lawns.
- Mowing, Edging, and Trimming
- Landscape Lighting Installations
- Dead Heading Perennials
- Trim Ornamentals
- Trim Shrubs
- **Pretty Pansies Planted Properly** (See our 13 Step Program included)

Beat the Rush:

Every spring we sign up many new clients for projects and quickly become booked till July. Get your project installed this fall and enjoy it next spring.

Cooler Temps:

The cool, moist weather of autumn is a great time to establish root systems.

A strong start can make a huge difference the following spring.



Hearty, Healthy Plants:

Most of the plants in the plantings that are being installed in the fall were started in the early spring. They have had much more time with the growers' TLC to get well established. In many cases, you get a fuller plant with a better-developed root system when you buy in the fall.

Relax and Enjoy:

If you install your landscaping in the spring or summer, watering the first two seasons is crucial. If you install in the fall, Mother Nature will give you a helping hand by watering naturally many weeks and you can relax until next summer. We'll help you set your sprinkler system for proper fall coverage.


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Our 13 Step Floriculture
Program for Pretty
Pansies Planted Properly

We call the entire process below our
floriculture program, and it includes:

- 1 Pull and remove existing annual plants.
- 2 Prune back any plants that encroach the planting area.
- 3 Remove the old mulch from bed.
- 4 Till and grade the soil.
- 5 Contour soil for proper drainage.
- 6 Add soil amendments.
- 7 Arrange a creative floral display with plants.
- 8 Install 4" size annuals.
- 9 Install a 2" minimum layer of mulch.
- 10 Clean-up site thoroughly and remove debris.
- 11 Initial watering and fertilization to a depth of 4-6."
- 12 Follow-up IPM and fertilize for 6 months.
- 13 Replacement warranty on plants installed.

Randal's DO'S & DON'TS

A Landscape Horticulture and Maintenance Column

Do Divide Hostas and Daylilies

If you haven't divided plants before, these are easy ones to try. In September and October, dig up plants leaving lots of roots attached. (Thoroughly watering the day before will make this part easier.) Cut back leaves to about 6-8". Pull apart individual plants and replant. For large clumps of daylilies, use a square-edged spade to make the divisions. Make cuts straight down through the plant to quarter it and replant the quarter sections. Mulch and keep evenly moist. Using liquid root stimulator will also help insure success.

Do Tidy Up Planting Beds in the Fall

After a heavy frost, many perennials can be cut to the ground. (Cutting back before heavy frost may encourage new growth, which won't have a chance to harden off before winter.) Some plants to **NOT** cut to the ground are Butterfly Bush, Mums, Lavender and Roses.

Do cut back and dispose of foliage of Peonies, *Mondarda* (Bee Balm) and tall or Giant Phlox to discourage fungal diseases.

Do Water Your Plants

Many people overlook the need for watering plants in the fall and winter. In this area fall can be a very wet period and we tend to turn the sprinkler system off. If the weather is cool, who is thinking about water? Your plants are! Don't forget their needs when natural rainfall does not occur. (At this writing in Tulsa we are still nearly 6" behind our average annual rainfall.) Your plants need adequate moisture to complete the growing season and acclimate to winter. To reduce the potentially damaging effects of our see-saw winter temperatures, make sure that you water generously before you put away your hose. Simply check the soil moisture around the root zone (a trowel may help with this). If it is dry, water generously ; if it's moist, relax.

One more time when your plants have a critical need for moisture is in the dry winter months of January and February. I know it seems like a long way off right now, but please try to remember that after Christmas your plants need water at least once per week. Happy gardening!