



LAKEWOLD GARDENS

An Inspirational Experience

Fall is Planting and Lawn Renovation Time!

Transplanting and planting new trees, shrubs, and perennials is best done in fall. This gives the plants a good 6 month head-start in establishing roots to survive the following summer drought season. Once planted, make sure that the plants get an ample amount of mulch and are well watered. Plants are much more susceptible to winter damage if they are drought stressed, so a well watered plant is more likely to survive a winter. A fresh blanket of mulch acts as insulation for its root system, which has already been put under stress from planting. Just remember to keep the mulch off the trunk of the plant, which can be as equally harmful.

Fall is also the best time to renovate your lawn. Top dressing, re-

seeding and adding some seasonal fertilizer will give your lawn a head start for next spring. The lawn, similar to the plants above, benefits by developing a stronger root system during the cooler winter months. Lawns seeded in the spring develop too much top-growth and not enough in the root system, making them more prone to drought stress.

The cooler weather and more frequent rains of fall make this season an ideal season for planting. So, remember fall is good for planting, but only if it is done well with water and mulch! It is also a great time to take advantage of all the growers trying to sell their seasonal stock.