

# Portalinol Garden Centre



#### Preparing for Fall...

Fall will soon be upon us, bringing cooler weather that is ideal for planting trees, shrubs, perennials and bulbs. Plant them now and the roots will become well established for a great start in the spring. Parkland Garden Centre continues to carry an excellent selection! As well, we continue to have an extensive selection of garden statuary to add interest to your outdoor garden. Great for gift giving! Looking for a gift for that "hard to buy for person"? Remember that Parkland Garden Centre has gift certificates available for the new home owner, newlyweds, courses, or any occasion.

#### Did You Know...?

Customers have been successfully planting perennials all along, but the fall is certainly a great time to be doing so. Plants will continue to grow roots and be larger in the garden in spring if transplanted now. We recommend adding compost or Triple Mix when transplanting, and watering them with Plant Starter Fertilizer during the first two weeks after transplanting. This gives the roots a jumpstart before hard frost sets in. Water all of your gardens regularly this fall if we do not have rain weekly. Yellow, purples, white, pinks! Come in to see our great selection. We also have new shipments of houseplants, including some tall plants and trees. Celebrate the harvest season with patio planters full of flowering plants in rich fall colors. We have fresh plants and herbs for fall decorations. A variety of bird related items such as food and houses are in the store. Fall bubs start to arrive the first week of September and a full selection will be available for planting. Be sure to come in to see the new arrivals.

Ornamental grasses are being seen in more and more landscapes over the past number of years. Not only do they give an excellent show through the summer, fall and winter, but they require almost no maintenance. They make a great screen, border or hedge. Prairie style flowers such as Purple Coneflower, Black-eyed Susan, daylilies, daisies or even spring bulbs, look wonderful planted together with grasses. When planting a new grass, loosen the roots and plant in a hole with added compost, then water with Plant Starter Fertilizer at least twice over the first couple of weeks. Parkland Garden Centre carries a great selection of grasses, flowers and bulbs to make your landscape beautiful. Come in and have one of our associates assist you with your selections.

### To Do List for September/October

<b>√</b>	This is the last chance to lift, divide and replant irises.	✓	Make a list of fall bulbs to acquire and then purchase as required. Plant fall bulbs as soon as possible.	
<b>√</b>	Continue weeding; place any weeds that have gone to seed in the garbage (not your compost pile).	✓	Following overnight frosts, mist tender flowers with sprinkler before the sun touches them; you may save some.	
<b>√</b>	Deadhead annuals and some perennials for continued bloom. Some decorative seed heads can be left.	<b>√</b>	Cut flowers that preserve well and save them for winter containers. Globe thistle, baby's breath and nigella all preserve well.	
✓	Continue fertilizing annual plantings and containers.	<b>√</b>	Reduce watering, thereby encouraging improved winter hardiness.	
<b>√</b>	Discontinue fertilizing trees, shrubs, roses and perennials.	<b>√</b>	Take geranium cuttings, etc. before the first frost.	
<b>√</b>	Stop deadheading hardy roses in late August.	<b>√</b>	To keep containers going as long as possible, cover them or place them indoors if frost is predicted.	
<b>√</b>	Carefully remove mildewed or black- spotted foliage and place in plastic garbage bags for disposal.	<b>√</b>	Make notes of successes and failures in the garden this year to assist with planning for next year's garden during the winter	
<b>√</b>	Assemble a supply of frost covers. Old towels, sheets, etc. can be used.	✓	Pond Maintenance when water lilies go dormant, lift and store in plastic bags in cold room.	

Be sure to visit Parkland Garden Centre to see our fall displays, have our horticulturists answer all your questions, and check out what's new!

# Fall – A Great Time for Gardening!

With the kids back in school, and all the summer activities winding down, we have more time for the garden again. Trees, shrubs and perennial planting can still be done with great success. Remember to use a plant starter fertilizer for good root establishment such as Myke Growth Enhancer.

Tired planters can be re-filled with mums, kale, pansies and more frost tolerant beauties in harvest colors. Harvest of fruits and vegetables is in full swing providing a feast for the dinner table and bounty for the freezer and root cellar.

After frost has blackened the annuals, it's time to clean them up and add to the compost bin.

This is also the time to plant all of your fall bulbs for next spring's flowers. Parkland has thousands from which to choose. Buy early to avoid disappointment.

Leaves will be putting on their final blaze of color and this is the signal for time to do fall pruning and fertilizing. Pre-winter soaking is best done in October. September is also a great time to seed lawn grass and many vegetables can be seeded in late fall. Ask our experts for a list! While autumn often seems like a season of endings, in many ways it is also a season of beginnings! As the season changes, so do our exciting product lines and displays. Come in and check them all out.

# Statuary in Design!

The benefits of having a nicely landscaped yard for today are many, especially since more people are spending time at home rather than travelling. People wish to have an oasis in their back yard. Plant material such as trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals are a major part of this, but it is not the only thing to consider. By using well placed pieces of statuary you can add the finishing touch to your landscape. Choose the style of garden that you want, i.e. Japanese, Natural, Modern or Western, and you will be able to match a statue, birdbath, fountain or bench to add a new dimension to your yard. Parkland Nurseries & Garden Centre carries an extensive array of statuary, birdbaths and fountains from which you can choose. Come in and see for yourself!

The tranquil relaxing sound of moving water in the garden without the maintenance! We have all of the supplies for you to create a beautiful water feature of your own. Please contact our Specialist for the knowledge and expertise to assist you with your project.

#### **Avoiding Winter Damages**

It has been determined that the wide spread winter die-back we saw last spring was due to a combination of three things:

- 1) Recurrent periods of drought in recent years weakens the plants
- 2) Unusually warm September results in reduced hardening off of plants in fall
- 3) Most damaging was the unusually cold snap at Thanksgiving 2009, when the plants were not ready for it yet How can we reduce the chances of this happening again?
  - 1) Encourage healthy growth by controlling pests and diseases and watering and fertilizing in May, June and early July.
  - 2) Any pruning required should also be carried out before mid-July.
  - 3) Stop fertilizing and reduce or stop watering and pruning after August 1 to encourage hardening off and to prepare trees and shrubs for the upcoming cold season.
  - 4) Fall fertilizing should not be done until mid-October and then use a good slow-release fall fertilizer.
  - 5) Fall watering in of trees and shrubs, especially evergreens and birches, is very beneficial but should not be done until mid-October.
  - 6) Mulching and covering of perennials and small shrubs can be done in mid-October using course, dry material such as peat moss, shredded bark mulch, wood chips, etc. Mulch covering should always be left in place until late April.

#### Fall-Winter Calendar of Events

Date	Course	Time	Fee
Sept. 11	Landscape Design Part 1	10:00am-12:00pm	\$60.00
Sept. 11	Pruning for Fall	1:00pm-4:00pm	\$40.00
Sept 12	Harvest Festival	11:00am - 4:00pm	FREE
Sept. 18	Landscape Design Part 2	10:00am-12:00pm	Included
Sept. 18	When & How to Cure Root Crops	11:00am-11:30pm	\$5 includes handout
Sept. 25	Blooming Bulbs by Christmas	1:00pm-2:00pm	\$25.00 includes bulb/pot
Oct. 16	Orchids – How to Grow & Care For	10:00am-12:00pm	\$50.00 includes plant/pot
Nov. 3	Enhance Your Décor with Sinamay	7:00pm – 9:00pm	\$10.00
Nov. 13	Craft & Market Sale	10:00am-4:00pm	Food Bank
Nov. 20	Craft & Market Sale	10:00am-4:00pm	Food Bank
Nov. 27	Craft & Market Sale	10:00am-4:00pm	Food Bank
Dec. 4	Creative Christmas Workshops	9:45am-5:30pm	Assorted
Dec. 11	Craft & Market Sale	10:00am-4:00pm	Food Bank
Dec. 15?	Ice Sculptures	Weather Dependent	

Need a Christmas activity for your November or December meeting of your group or club? We will organize a workshop or demonstration to suit your group on most weekday evenings. This would be held in the festive "Christmas in the Country" setting of our garden centre. Please call 403.346.5613 to make arrangements. Schedules fill quickly, so book early.

#### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Payment must be made in full at time of registration. Visa, MasterCard, Interac, or cash accepted. REFUND ISSSUED ONLY IF CLASS IS CANCELLED.

Prices do not include GST. Class sizes are limited, pre-registration required, adults only unless otherwise noted. For more information call Parkland Garden Centre at 403.346.5613 email info@parkland.ca or visit our website www.parklandgarden.ca.



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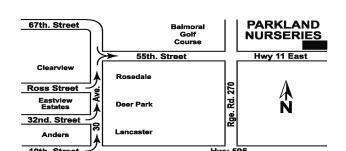
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