

Supply of Evergreens Needed In Home Landscaping Plans

No home landscape is complete without a generous supply of both coniferous and broadleaf evergreens.

They are the basis for all-year green color, which prevents a drab look to the property in winter.

The coniferous evergreens also provide plant character and very interesting foliage.

THE BROADLEAF evergreens provide some of our loveliest flowers, including camellias, rhododendrons, laurel, azaleas and many others.

Most home owners are familiar with the evergreen conifers such as the pines, cedars, hemlocks,

spruces, arbor vitae and junipers. They all are strong growing and deservedly popular.

In the shrubs the yews, particularly taxus, are always in strong demand and hardy in most areas excepting the very coldest parts of the country.

Spreading junipers and arbor vitae, as well as hemlocks trimmed as shrubs are striking.

OUTSTANDING broadleaf evergreen shrubs widely grown are, according to the American Association of Nurserymen:

Barberry—the flowers are small but the foliage is attractive. Deciduous in the northern tier of states.

Boxwood is one of the prized evergreens used in home landscaping because of its compact growth and beautiful evergreen leaves.

It is not quite so hardy as taxus, but it is a favorite plant of many people, approximately as far north as Massachusetts, as well as on the west coast.

THE CAMELLIA often is called the "aristocrat" of flowers. The flowers are magnificent, the foliage glossy, deep green, and altogether beautiful. Grown throughout the more temperate and humid areas.

Cotoneaster is prized primarily for the fan-like character of branches and foliage and bright red berries. Not hardy in Northern tier of states.

Glossy Wintercreeper has evergreen leaves, attractive red berries.

Holly—one of our most striking evergreen shrubs, with attractive red berries.

MOUNTAIN LAUREL has lovely flowers, glossy green foliage and is hardy. With good snow cover it has been grown as far north as Minnesota.

Pieris has striking pendant clusters of bell-like white flowers and narrow evergreen leaves.

Pyracantha is one of our most striking plants, noted especially for its striking orange, red or yellow berries. It is hardy in most states and where protected sometimes can be grown even along the northern tier.

Rhododendrons—there are many varieties of this outstanding shrub, with its large clusters of white, pink or red flowers and glossy foliage.

VIBURNUM IS evergreen in some climates, deciduous in colder areas. It's best known for its clusters of small fragrant flowers,

with florets resembling the trailing arbutus and about as fragrant. Azaleas are numerous and lovely ranging, according to type, over a large part of the U.S. (deciduous in North) and noted for the wealth and range of brilliant color in the blooms.

Nurserymen will advise a combination of broadleaf and narrow leaf or needed evergreens to make a striking display of fall year beauty on your property.

Transplanting Hints for Trees, Shrubs, Roses

Transplanting? Here are some suggestions from Michigan State University garden authorities. Dig a hole twice the size and depth of the "ball" of dirt and roots. Then you can put in good soil, peat moss or perhaps spread out the roots.

Do not apply fertilizer in contact with the roots.

Pack carefully by watering and fill hole to the ground level. Then let the water hose run until water no longer runs in. Build a dam in a circle around the bush or tree and fill it full of water. Water often for a few days before filling in and leveling soil. It is then best to mulch for a few weeks and water twice a week.

IF TREES, shrubs or bushes are bagged or in tarpaper pots, slit the wrapper so roots can get through. Remove bag or pot if you can without disturbing roots. Be sure and pack soil firmly around new plantings.

There are "good" and "poor" trees, shrubs and evergreens for each area, say MSU garden authorities. Your local nurseryman can tell you which plants are best.

Avoid the itinerant with the "miracle tree"—it may not be for you. Some trees that grow very fast may have brittle or weak wood and subject to damage in storms.



Give Pillows An 'Automatic' Fluff-Up

When your spring cleaning attention turns to the linen closet and bedding, don't overlook those feather bed pillows. Pillows trap soil and need a soap-and-water session at least once a year to keep them sweet, clean and fluffy.

How to do it? Use your automatic washer and dryer and follow these suggestions from the home laundry department.

BEFORE WASHING check pillows carefully and mend any tears or open seams. If the pillow ticking is worn or in poor condition, place each pillow in an old pillowcase and baste the open end closed.

Always wash pillows two at a time for a balanced load. Place one pillow on each side of the agitator.

Set washer for regular wash cycle, warm wash and rinse, and gentle action. Add detergent in the measured amount recommended for normal soil.

AS THE WASHER fills, push the pillows down into the water for complete saturation before gentle agitation begins or pillows may float on top of the water.

Halfway through the wash cycle, stop the washer and turn the pillows over. Close the lid, re-start and allow washer to complete cycle.

Set your dryer for normal temperature and maximum time selection. Place the two feather pillows in the dryer along with three or four turluk towels which will shorten the drying time. Since pillows are bulky they may require more than one drying cycle.

Decorative possibilities for today's ceramic tile include areas in living rooms, kitchens, entryways, patios, terraces, swimming pools, building exteriors and, of course, the traditional tiled bathroom.

Check Water Heaters for Spring Use

Almost every house can provide more storage space. You just have to look for it!

For instance, many two story houses with pitched roofs have space behind the walls of their top floors. Usually there is ample space for a closet between the walls of an upstairs room and the deep pitch of a hip or gable roof.

It is a simple job to get into the area by chipping out wall plaster. Cutting and resetting the wall studs and installing a door frame are tasks that almost any handyman can do in his spare time.

IN COVERING the new closet walls, use a material like red cedar that is especially made for this purpose. Not only is the wood attractive, but it is moth-repellent, an important point to consider when building storage space.

Cedar closet lining is available at most lumber yards in packages which contain enough strips of wood to cover 32 square feet of wall area. Each piece of the wood is tongue-and-grooved at sides and ends to speed application.

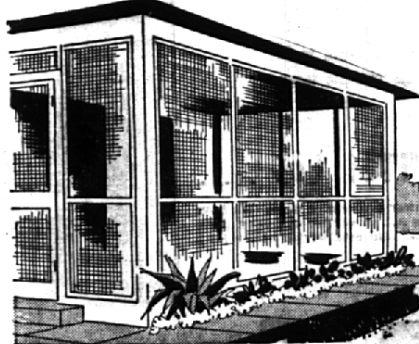
The pieces of red cedar vary from two to four inches in width and run up to eight feet in length.

SINCE AROMATIC red cedar, the type used for closet lining, should not be painted, it offers the added advantage of easy maintenance. Just dust it occasionally.

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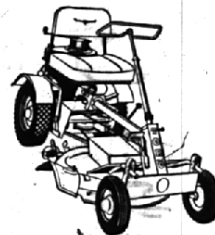
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