

FALL PLANTING

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Popular Perennials

Achillea: Rich colors. Low mounds of fragrant, ferny foliage with clusters of flowers.
· Height: 16-20 inches
· Spread: 18-24 inches

Coreopsis: Bicolor yellow and red. Daisy-like flower with a ring around the eye.
· Height: 12-14 inches
· Spread: 12-14 inches

Digitalis: Foxglove. White, pink, apricot, or purple. Tall spikes of tubular flowers with spotted throats.
· Height: 16-20 inches
· Spread: 12 inches

Echinacea: Coneflower mix of rich purple, pink, red, orange, light yellow, cream, and white.
· Height: 26-32 inches
· Spread: 24 inches

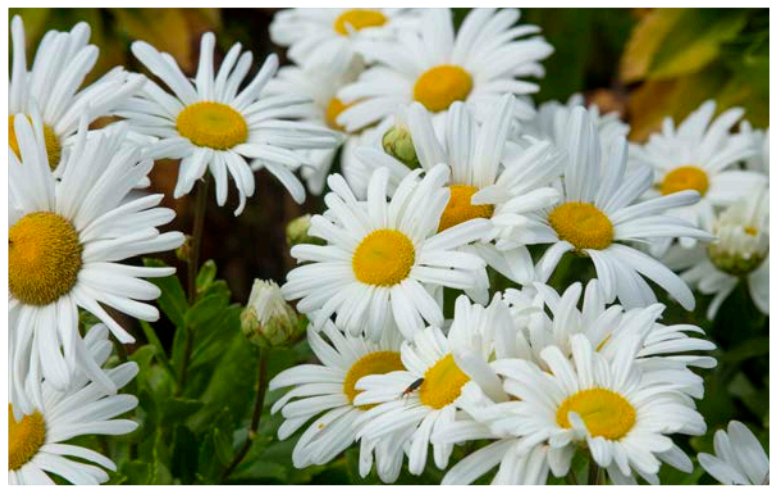
Lavender: Deep lavender-blue spikes with gray-green foliage. Highly fragrant to cut and dry.
· Height: 10-14 inches
· Spread: 10-12 inches

Leucanthemum: Montauk Daisy. White ray flowers have yellow centers. Mounding.
· Height: 14-18 inches
· Spread: 12-14 inches

Plant For Spring In The Fall

Perennials Need Their Beauty Sleep

September and October are the best months to plant Perennials. They bulk up in the milder weather of Indian summer and establish the deep roots necessary to overwinter. Plant in an area that gets plenty of sun: the more sun, the better. Water generously for about a week while the plant gets established and after that the autumn rains will take care of the rest.



Leucanthemum is also known as Montauk Daisy

Fall Plantings Make For A Great Spring

A Perennial that spends a winter in the garden almost always looks better than a spring-planted version of the same cultivar. Take a little time now to plan your spring garden. We have a large assortment of spring Perennials available to get you started on your planting ASAP. Put in a little work now so when spring rolls around you can simply relax and enjoy your beautiful garden!



Echinacea in a mix of colors

More Perennials

Phlox: Vibrant colors. Hummingbirds love it. Provides beautiful bouquets of flowers in late spring through summer.
· Height: 16-18 inches
· Spread: 14-16 inches

Rudbeckia: Yellow Black-Eyed Susan. Large daisy-like flowers on stiff branching stems. A native North American wildflower.
· Height: 24-28 inches
· Spread: 14-18 inches

Salvia: Blue, violet-purple. Vibrant flower spikes attract butterflies to the garden. Tall & upright; great for cut flowers.
· Height: 18-24 inches
· Spread: 12-18 inches



Intense blue spikes of Salvia

How Winter Helps Perennials

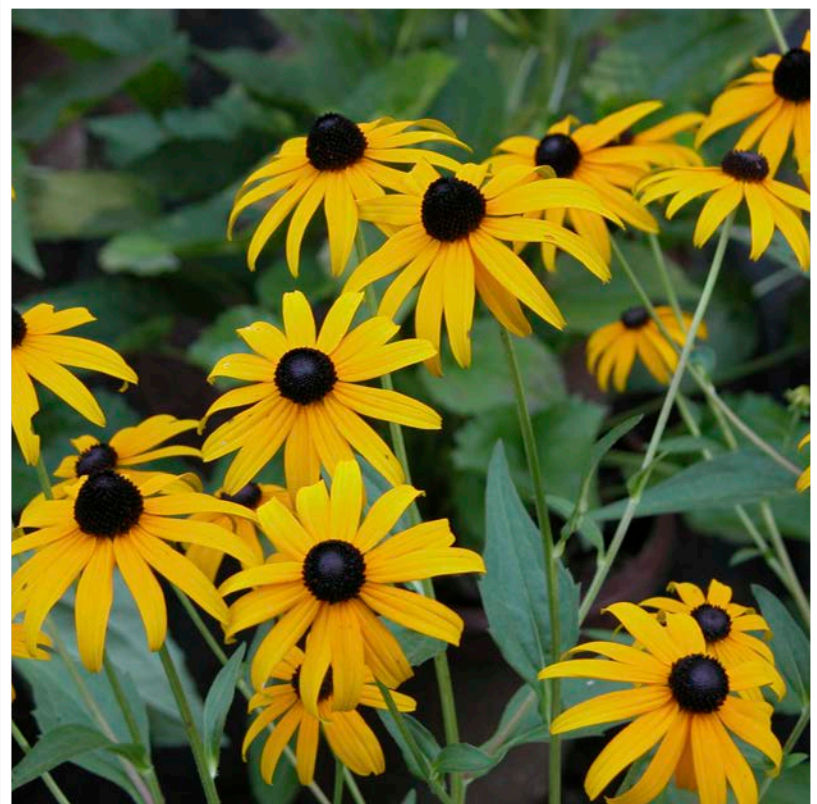
A bite of winter cold leads to better spring growth for many Perennials. When a plant dies back at the end of the season, its roots are still alive underground. As the soil warms back up it triggers the roots, which in turn trigger the crown to emerge and start growing new stalks to set buds for spring.

Protecting Roots With Mulch

Winter mulch helps protect the roots from abnormally low temps brought in by Alberta clippers. In early spring, clear away debris to allow the sun to warm up the plant's crown. Mulch then continues to suppress pesky weeds and smooth out the ups and downs of spring rains.

Special Self-Feeding Soil

You will notice small green pellets in our special Liberty soil mix when you plant. This is slow-release fertilizer—we include it with all the plants we grow. High quality Liberty soil continues to feed your Perennials in your garden after purchase. It helps your plants develop extra strong roots in the autumn months.



Rudbeckia—a native North American wildflower