



Denise's Garden Primer

basic info to help with your 'new' landscape!
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Annual - any plant that completes its' life cycle in one year. Most annuals will **bloom all thru'** the growing season, dying completely when frost hits.

Perennial - lasting throughout the year. Perennials die back to the ground level only, leaving their roots to hibernate over the winter only to show new growth every spring. Most perennials will **bloom for only 2 weeks** at some point during the growing season. Therefore it is wise to plant for a succession of bloom.

Deciduous - sheds foliage annually... Any trees, shrubs or vines which lose their leaves in fall or winter.

Coniferous - holds foliage year round... Junipers, cedars & pines are great examples of or 'conifers' or 'evergreens'

BEST TIME to PLANT

SPRING is the ideal time to plant container grown plants & transplant existing ones. They have the entire growing season ahead to establish themselves.

AUTUMN is the second best planting time as long as it is done before the end of September. This way they'll have 4-6 weeks to establish themselves for winter as long as they're well watered.

SUMMER planting *container grown* plants is a good idea as long as they are well watered & **not** planted during an extreme hot spell.

* **Did You Know ?** - it takes 2 -3 years for most trees & shrubs to become acclimatized & start putting out significant growth - after the third year they should really start to flourish! Perennials usually establish themselves the first year & from then on should thrive & produce flowers. (if you're really lucky - they will flower the first year!)

* **Did you Know ?** - Shade Loving Plants prefer even *more* organic matter mixed into the soil - replicate the rich, composted 'Forest Floor' they come from & you'll be rewarded with healthy, robust growth!