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Feature Article

Plant NOW For All Season Interest!

By Margery Pearl, Extension Master Gardener Volunteer

What do gardeners love about fall? Long comfortable gardening days and sales on a huge variety of attractive, interesting plants. But the most fun thing is adding new plants to our landscape during this season because Fall is the very BEST season to Plant!

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Feature Plant

'Florida Sunshine' *Illicium parviflorum*

(Grown and recommended by the Johnston County Nurserymen)

By Marshall Warren, Extension Horticulture Agent

'Florida Sunshine' Anise provides the yellow and chartreuse colors that are elusive and coveted in the shade garden.

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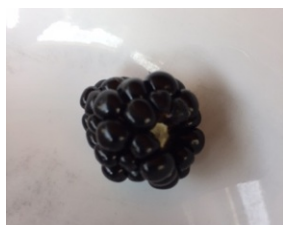


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A Veggie Tale

Blackberries and Raspberries

By Sam Colburn, Extension Master Gardener Volunteer

Blackberries and Raspberries are perennials with woody stems. The genus (*Rubus*), sometimes called "Brambles" are usually

prickly shrubs of the rose family (Rosaceae) which includes blackberries and raspberries.

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Quick Tips

Cover Crops and Tilling

By Chris Alberti, Extension Master Gardener Volunteer

After your final harvest for the year, clean the area of any weeds and plant debris and till your garden bed to expose old plant roots to the elements to reduce nematodes, fungus and insects. Plant a cover crop to enrich the soil for the spring planting.

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Landscape Horticulture

How to Plant Shrubs and Trees Correctly

By Marshall Warren, Extension Horticulture Agent

Planting should be the easiest and the most fun part of installing your landscape. Although, if you don't know how to correctly install your new plants, the results of your efforts will be disappointing.

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