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Fire in the Landscape



I'm always asked by customers, "What would you plant in your garden?" As a nursery manager, I have seen lots of plants come and go during my time in the industry, but there are some shrubs that I think are extremely dependable. One of them is the Quickfire Hydrangea. This sun-loving hydrangea has several amazing attributes.

1. It blooms on new wood, so you can prune in spring and it will still bloom heavily even after harsh winters!
2. Quickfire blooms 1 month earlier than other panicle varieties; for a longer flowering period.
3. Flowers open pure white, fade to deep pink in the middle of summer and persist until fall.
4. Flowers appear in loose clusters ('lacecap'). This helps to prevent the drooping effect often seen after heavy rains and winds.
5. Quickfire flowers make excellent cuttings for flower arrangements and the fall foliage color is a pretty gold and burgundy.

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Dogscaping 101

We all love our furry friends but we also want beautiful gardens. No need to choose one over the other, here are a few simple tips and tricks to help you enjoy both year after year.

- 🐾 Plant herbs that repel fleas such as lavender, rosemary and mint.
- 🐾 Instead of trying to train your dog to use new paths, create walkways in areas that your dog already travels.
- 🐾 Edge flowerbeds with rocks or bricks to deter pets from invading gardens. Better yet plant in raised beds to keep Fido out.
- 🐾 Use organic fertilizers such as *Espoma Flower-Tone* to boost your flower's blooms.
- 🐾 Avoid thorny plants such as roses in places where your dog frequents. Save these ornamental beauties for the front yard.
- 🐾 In the heat of summer dogs need cooling shade. Make sure there is a shady tree or an umbrella to shade them from the hot summer sun. Also provide an easily accessible water feature that they can drink from.



Stop in to add some pet friendly flowers to your landscape and ask about more ways to make your yard a dog friendly paradise.

August Garden Tips

- August is NOT a time to move plants. However, it is still a great time to plant new things!
- Rhododendrons, azaleas, and other acid-loving plants need to be fed one more time before the end of August. Use *Espoma Holly-Tone* for fantastic results.
- Make your garden a Giving Garden. This summer, share your extra garden veggies with those in need. Drop off your extra vegetables (cleaned, please) at Knupper's during our regular business hours and we will donate them to the Palatine Food Pantry for you.



- Late August is a good time to fertilize your trees and shrubs one last time to get them ready for winter. Use *Espoma Tree-tone* or *Plant-tone*.
- Don't forget, your plants are thirsty. Keep them watered, especially the newly planted ones, during the hot days of August. A thorough, deep soaking weekly will keep them happy and healthy.
- Bulbs arrive early next month (usually Labor Day weekend)!

The Perfect Roommate

Whether you're packing to go off to college yourself, or sending your kids, don't forget to bring along a few extra roommates. Houseplants make the best company. Here are some of our favorites.

Snake plant (also called *Sansevieria* or mother-in-law's tongue), is a sturdy and rugged indoor houseplant. Its vertical, striped foliage adds height to small rooms and sports a trendy, modern look. Snake plant is easy to grow in any light condition, making it the perfect choice for busy college students who can't devote extra time to maintaining a plant.



ZZ plant is one of the toughest plants you can grow: Its stems can hold water for weeks and it tolerates almost any lighting. Plus, it looks good! Grow ZZ plant in bright, medium, or low light, and allow the soil to dry between watering. Too much water is the only way to kill this indoor plant. It's an attractive, masculine alternative to more traditional houseplants.

Peace lily is a popular houseplant that features dark green leaves and large white blooms, making it one of the prettiest plants you can grow. This easy-care plant has a resilient nature.

Cacti and Succulents These dryland plants are easy to care for and come in an array of amazing textures and colors. Don't worry; not all cacti are big and spiky! Cacti and succulents love bright light; keep them near a sunny window or right under a desk light. With their trendy appearance and low water needs, cacti and succulents are terrific picks for busy and stylish students.



HOUSEPLANT BENEFITS

- Absorb carbon dioxide from the air and release oxygen back into the air
- Improve memory, mood and promote increased goal achievement (great for those killer classes)
- Reduce stress, improve sleep quality and promote faster healing

Tillandsia (AKA air plants) can magically grow without needing to be kept in a pot of water or soil. Tillandsia absorbs everything they need through their leaves. No soil, no mess!

Stop in and check out some of these popular, low-maintenance plants.



Mark your calendar for our Customer Appreciation Sale!

Calendar of Events



Saturday, August 5 10:00 am

Propagation Party

Join us for a free seminar on how to get free plants from the ones you already own! Learn how to divide, root, layer and grow all new plants from your own collection to share with a friend or expand your garden.

Saturday, August 12 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wednesday, August 23 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Mini Landscape Consultations

Need some professional advice on your yard project? Knupper Nursery's landscape designer, Ryan, will be available for 25 minute consultations to get you on the right path. These consultations are best suited for smaller areas, such as front foundations or perennial gardens. Pre-registration is required. Sale price for August only is \$45 and due at time of pre-registration. Please bring printed photos, measurements, and a completed site conditions questionnaire on our website.



Saturday, August 19 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Dog Days of Summer

Bring your dog to Knupper's for some canine fun! Man's Best Friend (on a leash please) is your coupon for the day. You will receive 20% off your entire "poochase." Don't have a dog? Don't worry, a picture will do. More details on this page.

Saturday, August 26 10:00 am

Sunshine & Succulents Workshop

Succulents are easy to care for and always trendy. Join us in creating a fun, summer succulent bowl with the help of our knowledgeable staff. Workshop includes four succulents, bowl planter, soil and rocks. A \$39+tax fee is due at time of pre-registration. Sign up early to guarantee yourself a spot!



Saturday Sept. 2 - Monday Sept. 4

Customer Appreciation Sale

As a way to say "Thank You" to you, our wonderful customers, we are having a huge sale! Many items are on sale throughout the store. Also, pluck a duck for additional savings on any one regular priced item. Every customer will also receive a free gift (while supplies last). More details will be available in our September newsletter.

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Saturday
August 19th
11:00am



Just as summer heats up, Knupper's is holding a cool event just for you and your pooch. Join us August 19 for a day of dog appreciation.

Does your pooch need a spa day? Then you're in luck! For donations, The Buddy Foundation and Jimminy Clippers will be giving dog washes and providing grooming. Your buddy will be treated to a bath and "peticure." All donations received will benefit The Buddy Foundation of Arlington Heights, a no-kill shelter. After all that pampering, shop for some cool new accessories for your pal. Jimminy Clippers will have Cubs collar scrunchies, blankets and bandanas for sale. All of these proceeds will benefit Specialty Purebred Rescue.

It's not just your dog that gets spoiled during this event. Just by bringing in your canine companion (on a leash please), you will receive 20% off your purchase that day! (Can't bring your dog? A picture will do too.)

All Dogwood
Trees & Shrubs
20% off
August 19 & 20

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 Mon-Fri 8:00 - 6:00
 Saturday 8:00 - 6:00
 Sunday 9:00 - 5:00
 Wed 8/9 8:00 - 5:00

Home & Garden
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Sizzlin' Summer Savings

Pottery Blowout Sale All month!
 30-75% Off Select Pottery

Sleeping Beauty Sale All Month!
 \$1 - \$5 Perennials

8/3 - 8/9	All Magnolias	30% Off
8/10 - 8/16	All Roses	25% Off
8/17 - 8/23	All Yews	25% Off
8/24 - 8/30	Select Arborvitae*	25% Off

*Sale arborvitae include 'Techny', 'Dark Green', & 'Emerald Green'

While Supplies Last. Limited to Stock on Hand.

Irresistible Iris



Van Gogh may have made them famous, but Iris have been popular throughout time and no garden is complete without the beauty of an iris. Plant iris this fall for giant blooms next spring; plant two or three rhizomes together for the biggest statement.

Edith Wolford (pictured left) is a multi-colored variety with yellow upright petals and purple trailing petals. They grow almost 3 feet tall and, best of all, are deer resistant. Their sword-like foliage will add interest to your garden all summer long and well into the fall.



Another great variety to check out this year is **Tennison Ridge** (pictured right). This dark purple flower boasts splashes of white and yellow across the lower petals and has a delicate perfume! Stop in to see all the other varieties you can add to your garden this year. Iris bulbs will be arriving in late August. Don't forget to stop in and get yours!