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## YES, YOU CAN PLANT IN THE SUMMER

### Design & Installation:

- Natural Gardens
- Distinctive Gardens
- Bed Maintenance
- Unique Walls
- Paths & Patios
- Stone & Brickwork
- Specialty Gardens
- Seasonal Color and Interest

### July To-Do List:

- Dead-head annuals and perennials
- Prune climbing roses after flowering to promote new growth
- Check irrigation systems
- Apply summer mulch
- Plan spring bulb order
- Sow seeds of English daisy, forget-me-not and pansy
- Fertilize annuals, container plants and roses

### Ogdenwords:

**Corymb:** A flat-topped flower cluster whose outer flowers open first.

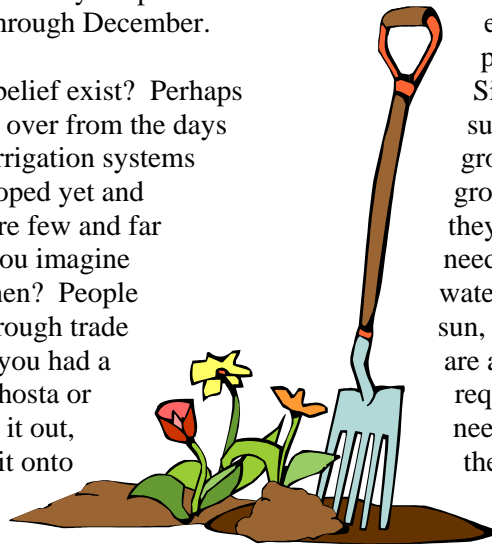
**Exfoliate:** To peel off in thin layers or shreds, like the bark of some trees.

Did you know you can plant through the heat of the summer? We've heard many comments over the past few weeks that you can't plant now. We'd like to dispel this myth and let you know that it's fine to plant over the summer and even into the fall and early winter. We actually keep planting straight through December.

So why does this belief exist? Perhaps it is a remnant left over from the days when automated irrigation systems hadn't been developed yet and garden centers were few and far between. Could you imagine trying to garden then? People acquired plants through trade and swapping. If you had a great big stand of hosta or iris, you could dig it out, divide it and pass it onto your friend or family member. Better yet, hopefully trade it for something they had that you wanted. Prior to automated irrigation systems, it was best to do this in the spring when the weather was still cool and the plant could have some time to get established before the arrival of summer heat. If you moved a plant

during the summer, you would have had to provide plenty of water by hand, which for many meant well water and even hand pumps.

Now when we want a plant, we go to a garden center and buy it. A huge selection of plant material exists, growing in plastic containers. Sitting out in the baking sun, plants continue to grow. Whether in the ground or in a container, they still must have their needs met. Adequate water, correct exposure to sun, and well-drained soil are a few cultural requirements that plants need. Failure to meet these needs usually causes the plants' failure, not because of planting them in the summer. Any container-grown plant is happy when it is taken out of the pot and transplanted into soil where its roots can expand and travel freely. As long as the ground has been prepared and then watered regularly, the newly installed plant will flourish and grow well.



### Lead Wall Anchors



These nails are ideal to help your vigorous climbers grow up a wall. They can be knocked into masonry or wood and have soft lead strips to bend around the stems of the climbing plant.

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## *SOME LIKE IT HOT!*

### Pat's Plant Pick

**Common Name:** Climbing Hydrangea

**Scientific Name:** *Hydrangea anomala petiolaris* (hi-DRAN-je-a a-NOM-a-la pet-i-o-LA-ris)

**Family Name:** Hydrangeaceae



**Description:** Woody, deciduous climbing vine.

**Mature Size & Growth Rate:** Develops slowly in youth but once acclimated, can vigorously grow to 60' or more.

**Flower:** Masses of 6" to 10" wide, fragrant white (corymbs) flowers cover the vine for 4 to 6 weeks in June and July.

**Cultural Requirements:** Adaptable to a variety of soil conditions as long as it is well drained. Tolerant of shade.

**Additional Comments:** Once established, climbing hydrangea is an extremely self-sufficient plant with multi-season interest. It is equally suited growing up trees, along fences, up walls, or over arbors. This plant is quite magnificent in summer with masses of white blooms that demand your attention! Its foliage is a lustrous dark green that turns an attractive yellow in the fall. Climbing hydrangea finishes the year with a handsome winter display that exhibits exfoliating bark on attractive cinnamon-brown stems.