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Amazing Fall Foliage



And just like that our world turns technicolor, with fall foliage intensity increasing by the day. The need to plant for all seasons becomes obvious as the calendar rolls through the year, making colorful stops along the way. A drive down any road right now looks like a kaleidoscope, and we love it.

If you have ever wondered about the fascinating process that creates this colorful display, here is a brief explanation. [Click the photo for additional information.](#)

WHY DO LEAVES CHANGE COLORS?

Part I: The Chemistry of Leaf Colors

Chlorophyll

Necessary for photosynthesis; as autumn days grow shorter, chlorophyll production slows and eventually stops, allowing other pigments to show through.



Carotenoids

Used in photosynthesis; always present but usually masked by the presence of chlorophyll. Carotenoids do not change in response to weather.



Anthocyanins

Produced in autumn from reactions with increased sugar concentration in leaves; not all trees produce anthocyanin.



Tannins

Bitter waste product of tree metabolism; always present but only visible once chlorophyll and carotenoids disappear.



Background photo courtesy of Ohio Department of Natural Resources

PLEASE NOTE: Regularly scheduled landscape maintenance and plant health care services will end next month on November 11. If you have questions or require special services, please contact your Client Steward directly, or call our office 847-549-1361, Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm.



Client Steward Team

This week along with performing regularly scheduled fall services as contracted, our team will be focusing on the following:

Spring bulb installation schedule



Plant Health Care

This week we will be performing the following service(s), as weather allows:

Organic fertilizer on beds
Organic fertilizer on turf
Animal repellent

Contact Information

Feel free to contact your Garden Steward directly with any questions or requests for service. Or contact our office 847/549-1361, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm.

NOTE: We continue to respect physical distancing protocols for staff and client safety until further notice.

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