



## **FALL COLOR COMES EARLY AROUND HERE...**

Ahhhh, fall color is something to truly appreciate here at the nursery. The yellows, oranges, purples, and reds are one of those simple pleasures in life that we can all truly enjoy once October rolls around. Which leads us to a common question heard around here at the nursery, especially in September: Why are these trees and plants turning color already?

Seeing as I refuse to grow up completely, I will reference a line that was said in the Disney movie 'Aladdin' that could be used as a similarity to plants. "Genies possess ULTIMATE COSMIC POWER... in an itty bitty living space." Think of it as having these large, magnificent specimens stuffed into a 24"x18" caged piece of burlap, or a #5 container, and then surrounded by dirt.



A plant can only expand so much and will only absorb only so many nutrients as it's "living space" can provide, which generally leads to material in nurseries changing color and/or defoliating sooner than their permanently planted brethren. Once planted in the ground, and surrounded by clean soil and other enhancers, the material will then be able to reach its maximum potential.

This is, without a doubt, my favorite time of the year. The temperatures are comfortable, the air, to me anyway, just seems to be crisp and clean, and colors abound in almost every direction you look. The toughest decision I have to face in the morning in these next coming weeks is: Do I want my daily dose of Monster Energy Drinks, or should I start the day off with a cup of coffee... Speaking of which, stop in for a cup of coffee in the next week or two and have a glance at what October looks like around here!



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