



# CHRISTENSEN'S PLANT CENTER

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Yes it's September, but heat stress is still present.

For the past few weeks there has been a growing trend. More and more shade trees being moved and planted. And while this is a very normal activity for us here at Christensen's, the disturbing trend is the ever shrinking amount of tarp brought to cover the trees.



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Just this past week I witnessed a landscape contractor in our yard, having purchased a full trailer load of at least a dozen trees, attempting to cover the load with two 8x10' tarps. As many of you have, I am sure, heard from the staff here - it looked like they were trying to put a Band-aid on a bullet wound. Barely half of the load was covered.

Everyone is enjoying this lovely end to summer. I spent Labor Day weekend on the lake getting a sunburn. But with these temps, extra care needs to be taken when transporting plant material. Try to plan your pick up for as early in the morning as possible. Make sure that your jobsite is ready for the plant material when it arrives, especially the trees. These need to get in the ground and watered as soon as possible. And above all else, make sure that your driver has more than enough tarp for the load. We sell tarps, and can even have them custom made to fit your truck or trailer. So there is no reason to drive down the road with your investment un-protected.

