



Make sure you take care of the Evergreens

As we get into fall, we are regularly asked, how late should I plant Evergreens? Specifically Spruce, Pine, and Fir. And as with most answers in the nursery industry, the answer starts with, "Tell me what the weather is going to do this winter, and I'll give you the answer." Well, since we are all awful at predicting the weather, here are some guidelines to go by.

Generally in South-Eastern Michigan, you want to have the bulk of your evergreens planted by October 15th. Evergreens planted before this date have the opportunity to at least start to root. They also can be properly watered until the end of the year so that they may have enough water stored to make it through the winter.

Now, we are not saying that Evergreens planted after this date are going to die. Quite the opposite. What we are saying is that Evergreens planted after this date are going to require more care and work to ensure their survival through the winter. And that you the contractor need to make sure that care happens, either with your labor or your homeowner's. Either way, later Evergreen planting does require some extra effort on your part.

Be sure to talk to your sales professional at Christensen's Plant Center to find out what you can do to help your late season Evergreens make it through the winter and lower your replacement costs in the spring.



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