

Gardening & Landscaping Tips

By: Max Phelps

Problem Prevention in Planting

Problems people ask me about often include dead trees they have paid good money for. I'm joking what I think caused it.

Other people will tell me "You can't grow roses unless you want to buy new ones every spring!" Or, "I think they are the most beautiful things in the world, but don't plant rhododendrons 'cause you'll have to dig 'em up when they die, they won't grow here."

While the comments made by frustrated homeowners about the plants they set out may be partly truthful, their favorites seem to die. The part about "these won't grow here" is an exaggeration.

The basic rule is plant what grows naturally in your region. And if you live in a subdivision and all the good natural soil has been dished away, what grows naturally in the area may not even work! (Scraping away good soil to create level yards is unnatural. It also means all yards look about the same.)

Now that we have addressed some problems—here are some solutions. For those too roses try organic fertilizer, watering frequently (early mornings are best, because you don't want rot and mildew problems caused by wet foliage for hours at a time), and plenty of mulch.

For the Ericaceae family of plants, you will have to make alterations in your planting areas. Unless you live on a moist shady mountainside with acid soil and cool nighttime temperatures (Asheville, North Carolina comes to mind).

Rhododendrons, azaleas, mountain laurel, redbud, enkianthus, peris japonica, snow heath, blueberries are all ericaceous members.

Avoid planting any of these along the "hottest, sunniest, side of your house. Moist soil, but not too wet, is required. Rich fertile soil is not required, but organic matter is. I like to mix sand, peat moss, pine fines and replace about half the existing soil

with this mixture. If clay subsoil is close to the surface, a raised bed may be the only way to grow these plants. And, once established, don't be digging too close to these plants. And don't allow soil compaction from foot traffic or plowing in muddy conditions.

A well-shaded tree. Cost you big money. It's dead. The hole you planted it in—we'll you thought you might strike oil, or even break through to China! Instead, you encountered, sticky clay mud. Finally you got your nice big tree from the nursery planted—and now it is dead.

Solution: In such instances plant a willow or cypress, or fill the hole back up and plant your tree somewhere else! Or plant it on top of the hole you filled back in—and get a truck load of good dirt brought in to mound around the rootball.

You wouldn't plant a \$200 tree in a pond would you? (Well you probably DID when you dug a two or three foot hole into clay mud and added water around your new tree!) Sometimes trees seem to forgive us for mistakes and recover and grow well anyway.

My advice is this. Dig a hole or two. Post hole size or tree ball size. Fill with five gallons of water. Check the next day for water in your hole. If there is still part of the five gallons of water in your test hole — you'd better make sure you have a guarantee if you insist on planting your new tree in this small pond! Because it will probably drown.

During high temperature and low moisture conditions, watering your tree once a week for several minutes is much better than a little sprinkle daily. (If you're going to mist the leaves; only you have them be dry in the middle of summer, at least add some anti-desiccant compound to your water. This creates a film on the leaves and keeps them from wilting as fast as they might otherwise.) The best time to solve planting problems is before they happen.

the state for a variety of reasons. The cost of the incentive is far outweighed by the tourism and entertainment dollars. Last year alone the average tourist spent approximately \$500 during their stay. Tourists visiting to take part in an arts event spent over \$800.

We made our first move towards bringing our out of date tax system into the new millennium by adopting HB 367. The bill addresses a portion of our tax code that many deem unfair to those of us who work over an additional 6 percent when we make a purchase at a local store and our hometown retailers who must collect the sales tax and wade through paperwork.

As of now no sales tax is paid on either Internet or catalog purchases and while Kentuckians are required to pay rate tax on catalog purchases there is no accountability within the tax code to ensure that they do.

The provisions of HB 367 allow Kentucky to work with other states to make sure that all of us pay a little so that none of us carry the burden solely, with a focus on equity and fairness. The bill would help us ensure that Kentuckians can shop within their communities with the same advantages that Internet and catalog customers enjoy.

The idea of easing burdens was, also at the center of HB 59. This is one of the most important legislative sessions passed all session because it applies to the men and women who serve on volunteer fire departments. They sacrifice time and personal safety to help keep our homes and communities safe.

However, over the years the amount of paperwork passed on to these folks has grown by leaps and bounds. The hours it takes to com-

plete forms after form are obviously not the proper way to award their dedication to public service. To address that, HR 59 calls upon the State Fire Marshall and the Commission on Fire Protection Personnel Standards and Education to reduce the amount of paperwork. While this in no way removes the emphasis placed on safety, it does cut down on the redundant red tape that often overwhelms local volunteer fire departments.

At many of you know, we have grappled with the issue of workers' compensation reform since almost the very day it was enacted during a 1996 Special Session.

This past week the House continued to struggle and the result was the passage of HB 132 on a vote of 64-32. The bill, now on its way to the Senate, would make it significantly easier for coal miners with black lung disease to claim benefits.

To do so, the bill makes several changes in the way black lung is diagnosed, proven and awarded benefits. While opponents believe it loosens the requirements and would actually harm the truly injured miners, those in favor of the bill argued that the change is necessary to make sure that miners with disabling black lung receive appropriate benefits.

I can be reached here anytime, or call the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181. Those with hearing impairments may leave messages for me by calling the TTY message line at 1-800-896-0305. Also, if you have Internet access you can keep track through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page: <http://www.lrc.state.ky.us>.

"District Court News"

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perished for failure to appear:

Nick A. Parks: Speeding and other charges, warrant issued license suspended.

Joseph Philpot: No driving license in possession, \$50 fine.

Angela Riddle: Theft by deception, dismissed on payment of court costs and restitution.

Cameron D. Rogers: Fines due (\$101.85), warrant issued license suspended.

David Sanders: Overlength and overweight, paid.

Bill Shepherd: Speeding and failure to wear seatbelt, paid.

Shawna L. Tackett: Speeding and other charges, summons issued for 4/16.

Marilyn W. Wright: Speeding and other charges, warrant issued license suspended.

Jennifer B. York: No Ky. Reg. Plates, \$25 and costs.

Brian R. Anderson: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Johnny W. Ball: Speeding, paid.

Jessica L. Clouse: Speeding, state traffic school.

Natalie M. Daniels: Speeding, paid/STS.

Ralph L. Duke, II: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Terence S. Holmes: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Jo C. McAlister: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Jonathan C. McHargue: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Jorina N. Peirce: Speeding, paid.

Thomas W. Reimel: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

John D. Riddle: Speeding, paid.

Timothy J. Sabella: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

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Legislative Update

by State Rep. Danny Ford

General Assembly wrapping up: with education, economic development and public protection

While those who serve in the Washington State Legislature felt their chambers shake around them last week, members of the Kentucky General Assembly held the last two weeks of session with a face towards building a successful future for Kentucky.

To do so, we took on some very controversial issues - like workers' compensation and the religion in our classrooms. However, we also worked on less controversial issues that affect each of us - education, economic development and public protection.

Education topics for this year's legislative interim and next year's session are already beginning to surface. For example, funding for ma-

jor repair work and new construction for school districts throughout the state should receive attention, particularly after the Department of Education reported that at least a quarter of the buildings used by public schools in the state are in bad condition.

While the number is better than national average, I believe we will take a close look at ensuring Kentucky students are not forced to attend class in unsafe schools.

Sustainable economic development garnered some attention when the House Local Government Committee voted to send HB 368 to the House Floor for a vote. The bill helps lodging facilities with 500 or more guestrooms by offering an incentive to restore, rehabilitate or upgrade.

The bill would help promote the kind of lodging facilities used by conventions of all sizes and tourists in

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FARM EQUIPMENT: New Holland Silage Chopper 880 with 2 row corn head and grass head pickup * Two Badger silage wagons on 8 ton gear * Rex Silage Trailer on 8 ton gear * Badger 54 silage blower * 60 psi silage pick distributor * New Holland 253 grinder - mixer * White/Oliver 5-16 plow - semi-mounted * John Deere 4-14 3 point plow * Glenho 12 shank chisel plow - 3 pt. * Landoll 5 shank ripper * Ford 242 hyd. fad 22-disc with harrow * Case wheel disc 18" * John Deere wheel disc - 12 ft. * Hargranger 18 ft. * White 1100 6 Row - 30" Planter with insecticide and dry fertilizer * 5 row bean splitter (Air-Champ 333 air units for White 5500 Planter) * International 5100 grain-bean drill * John Deere grain drill 14 hole * Kory 488 haybine 9 ft. * New Holland 273 Hay Baler * New Holland 55 Hay Rake * New Holland 58 Rake * Tandem stainless steel fertilizer buggy * Fiberglass fertilizer spreader - 3 pt. * Westfield grain auger 8'x6' PTO * Hutchinson grain auger 8' x 53 PTO * Mayrath grain auger 6'x47 - 1/2 hp - electric * Hutchinson grain auger 6'x24 - 1/2 hp - electric * Set of 20.8x38 dual tires for 1486 tractor.

Irrigation system including pump, gun and 4000 ft. of 6" and 4" pipe with lots of fittings and pipe trailer * Cagle spray 500 gallon 46' booms with foam markers * Woods 14 hyd. fold rotary mower - metal water tank - 1000 gallon * plastic water tank - 1700 gallon * Homelite transfer pump with hoses * two bale forks * loading chisel * scissor action bale spear * 105 gallon fuel tank * 12 volt electric fuel pump * 24' Donahue Equipment trailer * 60 gallon bi-cept tank with 12 volt metering pump and hoses * approximately 100 concrete blocks * several miscellaneous items including tools, cylinders, etc.

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