Heartwood Nursery News



The joy of Native plants

High Summer beauty & low maintenance

From Cuttings to Customer: Propagating Healthy Native Softwood Cuttings

We begin propagating softwood cuttings each year at this time. Heartwood is different from other nurseries in that we harvest our cutting wood from our own stock grown here on the property.

In addition, our plants are completely organic and never sprayed Here's a look at our cutting propagation process, featuring Ninebark, *Physocarpus opulifolius*.



We harvest cutting wood off a mature Ninebark at the nursery.



Fifteen days after harvest, a Ninebark cutting that was properly prepared and stuck is beginning to grow roots.



A Ninebark cutting that successfully rooted last summer and now grown in a one

gallon container.



Ninebark in one gallons available for purchase. When you bring home a strong, healthy Ninebark, you bring a beautiful pollinator and bird magnet to your yard.



A one gallon Ninebark takes about 6 years to grow to this size.

Growing *Rhododendron maximum* from seed sown the previous winter and transplanting young seedlings





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Our pawpaw trees are grown from locally collected seed.

Just a Reminder...

Deep watering plants is an important aspect of plant care, as it encourages strong root growth and helps plants establish a deeper, more resilient root system. Here's how you can deep water your plants effectively:

- 1. Choose the right time: Try to water your plants early in the morning or in the evening to minimize water loss through evaporation.
- 2. Use a watering can, hose or drip irrigation system: Ensure that water reaches the root zone of the plant by using a watering can with a spout to direct water at the base of the plant, or a soaker hose or drip irrigation system to slowly deliver water directly to the roots. It is easy to overwater with a drip irrigation system. Take care that the amount of water does not exceed the needs of the plant.
- 3. Water deeply and slowly: Allow the water to penetrate deeply into the soil by watering slowly. This encourages the roots to grow downward in search of water, making them more resilient.
- 4. Water based on plant needs: Different plant species have different water requirements, so it's important to adjust your watering schedule based on the specific needs of each plant species.
- 5. Learn to accurately measure rainfall: Wet leaves on plants don't necessarily indicate sufficient rainfall for deep watering. A hard, driving rain may result in run-off that is not adequately absorbed into the ground. A steady rain measuring greater than half an inch or more is beneficial for plant roots.



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