

# Surry Gardens



Dear Fellow Gardeners,

It has become apparent that the State of Maine has now done exactly as Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts, with its decision to ban some of our garden's nicest plants. Their banned plants list contains about 32 species, 28 of which are of little horticultural value to our industry, and have little demand by gardeners. So, no one wants them, plants them, and for the most part, has even heard of them. So, ban those 28 species.

HOWEVER, the list also contains several very useful, ornamental, and garden worthy cultivars that have been given a totally unfair, and inaccurate evaluation, based on assumption, and conjecture. "Guilt by association" if you will. The State wants to make it illegal to buy or plant the "Crimson King" and "Royal Red" maples, the fecundity of which bears very little similarity to that of their all green Norway ancestor. Banning these two cultivars would be, I think, a horrendous mistake for our industry and homeowners alike. Don't ban these!!

Similarly, the Compact Burning Bush, offers a great benefit to Maine gardeners and our landscapes with its tough, deer resistant, drought tolerant nature and its amazing fall color. It's a keeper. Countless gardeners love this plant. In spite of what the State and its thirteen member committee says, I have seen repeatedly that the Compact Burning Bush is NOT anywhere near as reproductive as the common winged species. I have seen the compact version used in massive hedges around parking lots and in private homes with literally zero individuals spreading to the nearby woods, even after twenty years. The species *Euonymus alatus* was most likely first brought here during the China trade almost two hundred years ago by sea captains who admired it during their travels. Michael Dirr once said, "it's one of the finest plants for American gardens". Proclaiming the Compact Burning Bush illegal would be a huge loss to homeowners and gardeners. Don't ban this.

This thirteen member committee also wants to ban the Black Locust which is actually native to the US. *Robinia pseudoacacia* also has some very nice golden leaved and red leaved cultivars that thrive in horrible soil and offer wonderful flower clusters from which the bees gather abundant nectar. Why on earth they are banning these is unfathomable and just ridiculous. When they ban a species, they ban all the useful and interesting cultivars as well. This would be a really sad day for Maine. Don't ban these.

And here is the really stupid part of this law. This new law will do nothing to eliminate the millions of green Norway maples, nor the millions of the common winged burning bush that already exist and are well entrenched in certain areas all over the state. So these true offenders would continue to grow and reproduce, while the desirable cultivars would be illegal to sell, buy or plant. How stupid is this?

Keep in mind that for many years, the *Rugosa* rose and its many wonderful varieties was also to be included on the intended banned plant list, and I wrote many letters defending the species. A recent study on Cape Cod found it NOT invasive. Thankfully, to date, it has been kept off the banned plant list, and I hope for Maine gardeners this status quo remains unmolested.

We love to see you each spring and summer. Happy gardening!!

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## HOW TO USE THIS CATALOG

 = Deer resistant

CHOICE = Sought after and sometimes hard to get.

EASY = Good for beginners, requiring little attention once established.

E = early bloom

M = midseason

L = late bloom

H = height, high

W = width, wide

B&B = balled and burlapped

## HARDINESS

Most of the plants offered at **Surry Gardens** are hardy in Zone 4 and 5. Although we are in Zone 5, according to most maps, occasionally a plant rated Zone 5 does not survive inland. It is best to keep these near the coast. All Zone 4 plants should do fine anywhere in Hancock County and Downeast Maine. Since zone ratings can differ from book to book, we suggest you check several modern sources if you wish to know the zone rating of any plant. We have tried to note where extra protection or shelter is required. We recommend that perennial borders and rock gardens be covered with a mulch of fir boughs in early winter when the ground freezes, usually about mid-November in Hancock County. The mulch should be removed gradually, starting in early to mid-April, depending on seasonal temperatures.

*ALSO AVAILABLE: CATALOG LISTING HERBS, ANNUALS, HANGING BASKETS & VEGETABLES*

## CARE AND CULTURE SHEETS

available at checkout, also see: "Garden Advice" in our website.

Compost

Fertilizer Recommendations & Basic Care Guide

Trees and Shrubs Basic Planting Guide

Pruning Instructions

Planting, Care & Pruning Sheets for:

Trees, Shrubs, Hydrangeas, Roses, Rhododendrons,  
Clematis, Wisteria

Fruit Tree Notes

Planting, Care & Pruning Sheets for:

Apples, Asparagus, Blackberries, Blueberries,  
Brussel Sprouts, Garlic, Grapes, Horseradish,  
Kiwi, Peaches, Pears, Plums, Raspberries,  
Rhubarb, Strawberries

Cooking with Herbs

Annuals

Houseplant Care

Houseplant Highlights

Growing Amaryllis

African Violets

Bougainvillea

Growing Citrus

Growing Figs

Hoya

Orchids (Dendrobium, Cattleya,

Cymbidium, Phalaenopsis)

Household Pests, Quick Guide

Most Asked Questions

Why Did My Plant Die? (Poem)

Plants to Attract Birds

Getting Started with Perennials and Rock Plants

Plants for Specific Uses & Difficult Spots

Butterfly Gardening

Starting Lawn from seed

Native Plants

Maine Wildflowers

Ferns

Ornamental Grasses

Hemerocallis (Daylilies)

Sun Tolerant Hostas

Iris

Meconopsis

Lilium

Lupines

Tree Peonies

Rock Garden Plants

Rose Insect Problems

Cultivated & Wild Poisonous Plants

Plants Poisonous to Humans, Cats & Dogs

Garden Bugs

Garden & Disease Problems

Animals in the Garden

Plants Resistant to Deer Damage

Deer Control

Asian Lily Beetles

Voles

Peach Leaf Curl

Viburnum Beetles

White Pine Weevil

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

**BUSINESS HOURS IN SEASON:** Monday through Saturday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**CHARGE ACCOUNTS:** We accept **VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMERICAN EXPRESS** credit cards. We do **NOT** extend credit as a general policy. Only under special circumstances, approved by the management, are charge accounts offered. Terms are: Net 10 days.

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**CONDITIONS OF SALE:** In lieu of other warranties, expressed or implied, and liability for possible negligence, Surry Gardens warrants to the extent of the purchase price that the seeds, plants, supplies, or accessories sold are as described by us in the catalog, or on our containers, within recognized tolerances. We expressly disclaim any warranty of merchantability, or of fitness, for a particular purpose. Under all circumstances, and regardless of whether the claim is based upon contract, negligence, mistake, omission, or otherwise, and regardless of the extent of loss, our liability is limited to the purchase price. As a condition of such liability, we must receive notice, by registered mail, within 10 days after any defect becomes apparent.

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**WHOLESALE ...** Within the trade we are sometimes able to offer further discounts upon presentation of a valid Maine State Resale Permit, and upon approval of the management. At our discretion we reserve the right to refuse wholesale discounts on any or all items. Actual wholesale discounts may vary and are determined according to the buyer's total annual purchases.

**PRICES:** Our stock changes constantly, therefore, we cannot always match our printed or online catalogs. Varieties, prices and sizes will fluctuate during the season. Since we have no control over price changes by our suppliers, the prices listed in this catalog must be subject to change without notice.

**REFUNDS:** Refunds may be obtained in two ways: 1) replacement in kind, or 2) credit toward another purchase of equal value. The sales slip showing proof of purchase must be presented by original purchaser. There will be no cash refunds after day of purchase. There is no replacement or credit on sale items.

**SALES TAX:** In the state of Maine, we must charge 5½% sales tax on all goods sold in the state of Maine, except vegetable seed. Tax is required on vegetable seedlings. Businesses with tax exempt numbers, churches, schools, and other tax exempt organizations are not charged tax. If you are tax exempt, please provide the appropriate tax exempt information at time of sale. Sales of plants or other landscape materials, on a delivered and installed basis (by Surry Gardens landscape crews), are considered additions to realty. In such cases we do not add tax to the customer's bill. We do, however, pay tax to our supplier, or the State of Maine, when purchasing such plant materials, since we are the final consumer under the Sales and Use Tax Law.

**SHORTAGES AND DELAYS:** All items offered are subject to crop failure or shortages. We will not be responsible for losses due to causes beyond our control.

**SPECIAL ORDERS:** We welcome special orders but require a handling charge of 20% of the order price. There may be an additional charge if we must hold an order beyond June 30th or more than 2 weeks. Items will not be held without a handling charge.

**TELEPHONE CALLS:** Phone calls will be received only during our regular business hours. Please refrain from calling in the evening or before 8:00 AM. Telephone (207) 667-4493. FAX (207) 667-5532.

**E-MAIL:** mail@surrygardens.com

# LANDSCAPE AND GARDEN DESIGN SERVICES

With 41 years of experience, Surry Gardens offers a range of services from landscape design to installation. We plan and install naturalistic landscapes, contemporary plantings, and classical gardens. By choosing from a wide variety of hardscape and plant materials, our designers are able to create attractive, livable gardens compatible with the needs of the individual client, the site conditions, and the desired amount of maintenance. Our landscapes encompass public, private, and commercial properties within one hundred miles of Surry Gardens.

We suggest starting landscape projects with a detailed design. After consultation with our designers we will provide you with a master plan. This may include stone walls, walks, drives, and parking areas, lawns, pools, perennial beds, shrubs, trees, groundcovers and landscape lighting. This plan serves as a permanent record. It also serves as a base for future work, as a tool for accurately estimating costs, and as a guide for our installation crews.

The cost of the plan varies depending on the scope of the job. Sometimes a project will focus on a distinct area - a back patio, or an entry, an herb garden, or a planted screen to protect privacy. Most plans will cost between \$300 and \$2500 depending on the scope of the project.

We also offer consultation and site planning from your earliest involvement with new property. We can enhance views and protect the health of natural plant material by selective pruning and thinning of wooded areas. Existing key features, such as specimen trees and interesting land forms, can be preserved by blending structures and landscape into a flowing design.

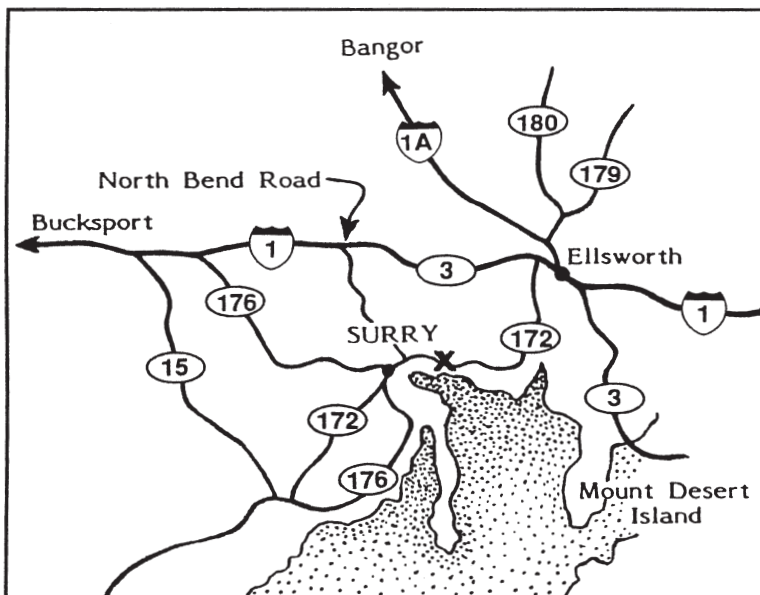
Upon request, we will send you a copy of our landscaping brochure. We can show you a portfolio with photographs of our landscape installations. References from prior clients in your area and/or with similar types of landscape installations are available upon request. We can also arrange to visit sites with you.

Please call us for help with your landscape needs.

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Associations we recommend:

- Alpine Garden Society
- American Horticultural Society
- American Rock Garden Society
- American Rose Society
- New England Nurserymen's Association
- Royal Horticultural Society
- Scottish Rock Garden Society