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It seems a trend in recent times that businesses feel the need to promote themselves as “Green” to be acceptable to consumers.

At first thought, you would think that consumers already think of the nursery industry as Green.

But in fact, our industry is a lot greener than it was 30 years ago. This might be a good message to get out to the public.

Broad spectrum pesticides have been replaced by target specific chemicals. Slow release fertilizers mean that there is much less runoff into streams. Drip irrigation and VSD pumps allow growers to waste less water. The safety of our employees has improved tremendously.

So we really are green, and getting greener all the time.



Fall has Fallen

Fall seems to be trickling into the Northwest. Colors are beginning to show in the trees. The nights grow longer and there is dew on the grass in the morning.

Around here fall is a time to catch our breath before the cycle starts again. There is still plenty to do. We must plan for digging, grading and storage of this years crop. We also are planting, both our seed crop and liners. Fall planted liners have a chance to get established before winter sets in then spring takes off like gangbusters.

We are also potting up liners; cuttings into #1's and #1's into root pruning #3's.

It would be hard to overstate our pleasure at the response we have had to our container program. It's really taken off.

Here, Lily and Jake are on their way down to the yard to inspect the trees. They are especially proud of the trees shown here. From left to right: *Nyssa sylvatica*, *Stewartia koreana*, *Quer. Regal Prince*, *Quer. Green Pillar*, *Liquidambar styraciflua*.



October Specials

	Was	Now!
1 1/4" Branched Acer 'Green Mountain'	\$29.90	\$18.00
1 1/4" Branched Acer 'Autumn Blaze'	\$28.30	\$17.00
1" Branched Acer 'Northwoods'	\$23.60	\$15.00
1 1/4" Branched Acer 'Red Sunset'	\$26.60	\$16.00
4' Branched Physocarpus 'Summer Wine'	\$18.00	\$11.00

Prices good through the month of October