

Fall Gardening Checklist

September

- Collect seed and herbs for drying
- Add compost or manure to garden beds
- Cover water features with netting to collect falling leaves
- Check houseplants for pests, then start to move indoors
- Plant new trees and shrubs, to give them at least 5 weeks before frost
- Plant spring flowering bulbs, perennials, bi-annuals, and evergreens
- Clean bird feeders, gardening tools
- Continue watering trees and shrubs until the ground freezes
- Bring in any clay pots
- Pull weeds before they go to seed to reduce next year's weeds
- Fertilize and aerate your lawn as required

October

- Transplant shrubs or young trees to new locations
- Cut diseased areas out of perennials. Do not compost
- Rake and compost any fallen leaves
- Clean up garden debris. Remove all vegetable plants and fallen fruit
- Remove dead annuals from the garden, after a frost
- Cut back perennial foliage to discourage overwintering pests. Leave flowers with seeds for the birds
- Continue watering trees and shrubs until the ground freezes
- Sharpen lawn mower blade and pruners
- Trim tall grass away from trees and corners of your home to discourage small rodents from creating nests
- Dig up tender bulbs such as dahlia, canna and gladiola. Dry and store in cool, dark space
- Prepare and seed new lawns
- Prepare and dig new garden beds and additions

November

- Fertilize your lawn
- Divide spring & summer blooming perennial
- Turn off outside water connections & drain garden hoses
- Buy bulbs to force for winter
- Continue watering trees and shrubs until ground is frozen
- Wrap screening around fruit tree trunks to protect from small animals
- Mulch rose bushes
- Clean fallen leaves in downspouts and gutters



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