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Fall Gardening Checklist

Fall gardening is a very important part of how well your garden will look next spring and summer. Listed below are some of the items you may want to make sure you complete this fall. Check them off as you finish reading about them and completing them in your yard.



- Fertilize lawn for the winter.
- Don't fertilize roses, or deciduous trees and shrubs in the fall, wait until spring.
- Feed Your Garden Soil, not just your plants.
- Don't give up on the weeds. Spray them or pull them, especially morning glory, crabgrass and dandelions.
- Reduce water to trees & shrubs, but water occasionally until the snow starts to fall.
- Evergreen trees need more water than deciduous trees.
- Wait to mulch roses, tender shrubs, or perennials until after the ground freezes.
- Trim and tie up shrubs before the snow falls.
- Cover tender vegetable plants and flowers at night to prevent frost damage.
- Harvest vegetables before the frost kills them.
- Dig up and store spring and summer blooming bulbs.
- Spray lilacs, peach, nectarine, apricot trees, and burning bush for diseases.
- Plant tulips, daffodils, and some 'Fun Bulbs'.
- Fertilize all bulbs planted in previous years.
- Divide perennials such as peonies, iris, daylily, phlox and daisies.
- Prepare gardens for spring by removing dead plants.
- Spread manure and roto-till this fall.
- Rake leaves & start a compost pile.
- Prepare the pond for winter.
- Stop feeding fish when water drops below 50F.
- Prepare tools, lawnmowers, weed eaters for winter storage.
- Fertilize strawberries and raspberries.
- Enjoy the pretty leaves.
- Bring in the houseplants before the first frost.
- Spray houseplants for insects before bringing them inside.
- Hot peppers dry well. Thread them on a string to dry.
- Store apples at 40F; Squash at 55F, Tomatoes at 70F.
- Divide rhubarb every four to six years.
- Plant Garlic in the fall, not in the spring.
- Let your amaryllis leaves turn yellow before cutting them off and putting the bulbs into a cool dark spot for a month.
- Plant Pansies sometime between Sept 15 and October 15.
- Keep up the slug and snail controls. These critters don't die, they just hibernate.
- Winterize your sprinkler system before frost.
- Spray Broadleaf Evergreens with **Wilt Prufe** while the temperature is above freezing and will stay above freezing for an hour or two.
- Start Forcing a Hyacinth Bulb or a Pot of Tulips
- Plant an Amaryllis Bulb and watch it bloom this winter.
- Put fertilizers and chemicals into proper winter storage.
- Try to outsmart the deer this winter!

This is not a complete list and it will vary from year to year. Make your own list of what needs to be done in your yard this fall and enjoy your fall gardening.