

November

Annuals:

- Continue the fall clean-up of gardens, except areas where you want seeds from existing plants to grow next spring.

Bulbs:

- Finish planting Crocus, Daffodil, Grape Hyacinth, Hyacinth, Lily, Tulip, and other spring blooming bulbs.
- Add slow release fertilizer when planting.
- Clean-up other bulb beds. This will reduce the source of disease and insects for next spring.
- If it is a dry fall, water fall planted bulbs. Do not water frozen soil.

Fruit:

- Mulch strawberries with 4-6inches of straw.
- Keep watering if needed until ground freezes.
- Do not fertilize at this point.
- Cut fall bearing raspberries to the ground.

Herbs and Vegetables:

- Finish harvesting anything left in the garden.
- Finish your fall cleanup.
- Add shredded leaves to the top 6-12" of soil to improve soil quality.

Lawns:

- You can plant sod until the ground is frozen.
- It is a good idea to try and keep leaves off the lawn. Mowing over the leaves and shredding them creates great mulch for your garden.
- Water newly planted sod, but established lawns should only be watered if they show signs of wilting.
- If you fertilized in October, there is no need to during November.
- Keep cutting the grass as long as you have to.

Perennials, Ornamental Grasses, and ground covers:

- It is now getting too late to plant perennials, as they may not have enough time to get established before winter.
- Water the perennial garden thoroughly just before the ground freezes.
- Continue to cleanup the garden if you wish, or leave it for spring.

Roses:

- Wait until next spring to plant.
- Roses will benefit from a thorough watering before the ground freezes.
- Finish your fall cleanup.
- If you have not done so, add a thick layer of leaf mulch to the base of each rose.

Shrubs:

- Continue to plant and transplant as long as the ground is not frozen.
- Keep watering as needed. Give shrubs, especially evergreens, one last deep watering before the ground freezes.
- Dormant pruning can still be done on summer and fall blooming shrubs. Or you can wait until March or April.

Trees:

- Finish planting deciduous trees as soon as possible.
- Continue raking leaves as they fall. Shredded leaves can be added to gardens to improve soil, and also as mulch for tender plants to help them overwinter better.
- If you did not fertilize yet this fall, do it now before the ground freezes.
- Give evergreens and newly planted trees one last drink before the ground freezes.
- Wrap any smooth bark trees. This includes maples, oaks (pin and red), honeylocusts, and linden. Use a plastic corrugated tube for protection against deer.
- Prune as needed as the trees are dormant. You can prune through winter until the new buds begin to grow in April. Wait until April to prune evergreens.