

Plant Resources

November Lawn & Garden Calendar

Perennials, Ornamental Grasses, & Groundcovers

Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It is now getting too late to plant perennials, as they may not have enough time to get established before winter.
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue to clean up the garden if you wish, or leave it for spring.
Watering	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Water the perennial garden thoroughly just before the ground freezes.

Trees

Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Finish planting deciduous trees as soon as possible.
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue raking leaves as they fall. Shredded leaves can be added to the garden to improve soil, and also as mulch for tender plants to help them overwinter better.
Winter Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wrap any smooth bark trees. This includes maples, oaks (Pin and red), honey locusts, and linden. Use a plastic corrugated tube for protection against deer.
Watering	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Water as needed. Evergreens and new plantings need special attention in a dry fall. Do not let them dry out before winter.Give evergreens and newly planted trees one last drink before the ground freezes.
Fertilizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">If you did not fertilize yet this fall, do it now before the ground freezes.
Pruning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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.

Roses	
Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait until next spring to plant.
Winter Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finish your fall clean-up. • If you have not done so, add root protection to your rose plants. Do this by adding a thick layer of leaf mulch, compost, or wood mulch to the base of each rose.
Watering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roses will benefit from a thorough watering before the ground freezes.

Lawns	
Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can plant sod until the ground is frozen. • Dormant seeding can be a useful way to establish lawn in the spring. Spread seed over bare ground and cover with straw or erosion blanket. Do this after the ground is frozen so that the seed won't germinate. Once the soil temperatures warm up in spring, the seed will start growing.
Winter Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep cutting the grass as long as you have to. • 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.
Watering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water newly planted sod, but established lawns should only be watered if they show signs of wilting.
Fertilizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you fertilized in October, there is no need to during November.

Shrubs	
Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to plant and transplant as long as the ground is not frozen. • Finish planting evergreens early in the month to give them plenty of time to get established before winter
Pruning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dormant pruning can still be done on summer and fall blooming shrubs or you can wait until March or April.
Watering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep watering as needed. Give shrubs, especially evergreens, one last deep watering before the ground freezes.

Fruits	
Winter Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cut fall-bearing raspberries to the ground. • Mulch strawberries with 4-6 inches of straw.
Watering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep watering if needed until ground freezes.
Fertilizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not fertilize.

Bulbs	
Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finish planting crocus, daffodil, grape hyacinth, lily, tulip, and other spring blooming bulbs.
Spring Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean-up other bulbs beds. This will reduce the source of disease and insects for next spring.
Watering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If it is a dry fall, water fall planted bulbs. Do not water frozen soil.
Fertilizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add slow release fertilizer when planting.

Annuals	
Winter Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue the fall clean-up of gardens, except areas where you want seeds from existing plants to grow next spring,

Herbs & Vegetables	
Harvesting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finish harvesting anything left in the garden.
Winter Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finish your fall cleanup. • Add shredded leaves to the top 6-12" of soil to improve soil quality.

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