

Lawn & Garden OCTOBER To Do List



MAINTAIN

- Commence leaf clean-up and apply mulch to your garden and naturalized areas.
- Stock up on firewood and order seed and garden catalogues.
- Do any digging or underground repairs or construction before the ground freezes.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS

- Plant spring-flowering bulbs—such as hyacinth, daffodils, anemone, crocus, and tulips—after the ground temperature drops below 60° F.
- Label bulbs and tender perennials before they disappear for the winter.
- Watch the weather for the first killing frost—protect your fall-blooming perennials by building a simple wooden frame and cover with an old bed sheet.
- Harvest seeds from annuals and perennials; prune and mulch woody perennials. Take cuttings from perennials to root indoors over the winter.

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LAWNS

- Fertilize your cool-season lawn if needed.
- Plant grass in time to become established before winter.

PLAN AHEAD

- Plant container-grown or balled-and-burlapped trees and shrubs (hold off on bare-root trees and shrubs until late winter).
- Move non-hardy plants indoors, including tender bulbs.
- Get houseplants inside, too—the colder it gets, the greater the shock they will experience.

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