



KNAPP VALLEY GARDENS

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October Tips

General-

- Rake up leaves and add them to the compost pile.
- Gather some well berried branches from shrubs and trees for holiday decorations.
- Rake lawn to remove fallen leaves and debris.

Yard Equipment and furniture-

- Start bringing in and storing garden benches, accessories and patio furniture.
- Clean, oil and store lawn mower and power equipment.

Garden Bed Maintenance-

- Beds and borders should be weeded to prevent the spread of weed seeds.
- Make border changes now so plants will have a chance to get their roots settled before the ground freezes.
- Faded perennials can be cut down after foliage browns.
- Prepare vegetable beds for spring sowing by mixing in compost.
- Remove dead flower stalks from daylilies and cut the foliage back to about 6 inches.
- Clean up any frost blackened annuals.

Bulbs-

- Continue planting spring-blooming bulbs.
- For colorful indoor blooms, start potting up pots of bulbs to be forced indoors.
- Dig tender bulbs after first killing frost, allow bulbs to dry before storing for winter. Clean off stems and roots. Gladiolas, cannas, caladiums, dahlias, etc.

Planting/transplanting-

- Fall planted trees, shrubs and perennials should not be fertilized at planting time.
- This is a great time to select shade trees for fall color.
- *Water Garden-*
- If your garden pond is shallow, net up fish and bring indoors for winter.
- Remove floaters and add to compost pile. Clean out debris and leaves.
- Bring in pump for winter storage.
- Add a fall/winter prep or cool season sludge remover.



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- Last chance to label all plants in garden.
- Spent annuals in window boxes can be replaced with branches of evergreens and winter arrangements.

Transplanting-

- All through the month, deciduous shrubs & trees can be moved.

Equipment-

- Clean and oil hand tools before putting them away for the season.

Wildlife-

- Fill up all bird feeding stations.

Perennials, Shrubs & Trees-

- Hill over (completely cover crown of plant with soil) new tea roses after planting.
- Japanese and Siberian Iris foliage can be cut back to about 12 inches.
- Put protective wire or tree wraps around trees to keep mice and rabbits from nibbling.
- Apply anti-desiccant sprays like Wilt-proof to broadleaf evergreens like Rhododendrons. Burlap screen susceptible evergreens like Dwarf Alberta spruce from winter burn. Plants most susceptible to damage are those that go into the winter dry, do not have a mulch cover and face the south or southwest.