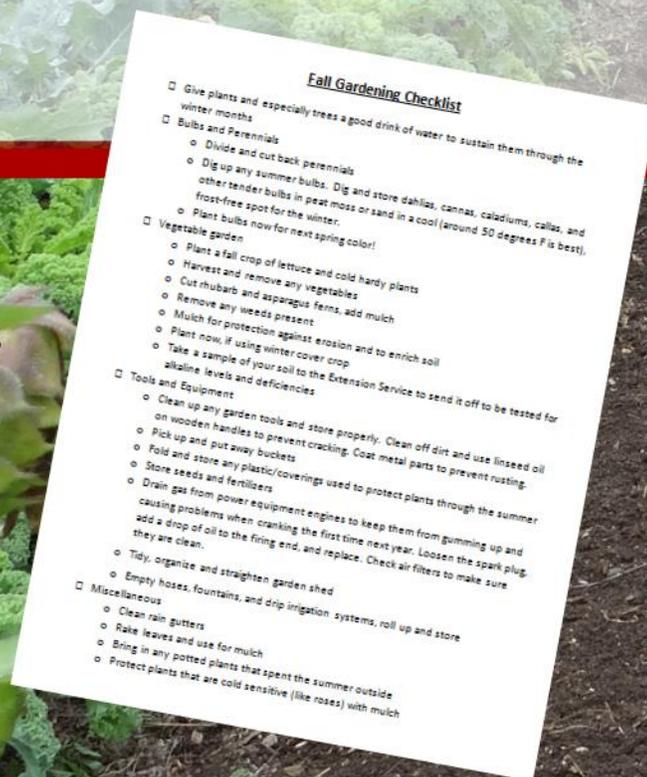


FALL GARDENING CHECKLIST

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- Give plants and especially trees a good drink of water to sustain them through the winter months
- Bulbs and Perennials
 - Divide and cut back perennials
 - Dig up any summer bulbs. Dig and store dahlias, cannas, caladiums, callas, and other tender bulbs in peat moss or sand in a cool (around 50 degrees F is best), frost-free spot for the winter.
 - Plant bulbs now for next spring color!
- Vegetable garden
 - Plant a fall crop of lettuce and cold hardy plants
 - Harvest and remove any vegetables
 - Cut rhubarb and asparagus ferns, add mulch
 - Remove any weeds present
 - Mulch for protection against erosion and to enrich soil
 - Plant now, if using winter cover crop
 - Take a sample of your soil to the Extension Service to send it off to be tested for alkaline levels and deficiencies
- Tools and Equipment
 - Clean up any garden tools and store properly. Clean off dirt and use linseed oil on wooden handles to prevent cracking. Coat metal parts to prevent rusting.
 - Pick up and put away buckets
 - Fold and store any plastic/coverings used to protect plants through the summer
 - Store seeds and fertilizers
 - Drain gas from power equipment engines to keep them from gumming up and causing problems when cranking the first time next year. Loosen the spark plug, add a drop of oil to the firing end, and replace. Check air filters to make sure they are clean.
 - Tidy, organize and straighten garden shed
 - Empty hoses, fountains, and drip irrigation systems, roll up and store
- Miscellaneous
 - Clean rain gutters
 - Rake leaves and use for mulch
 - Bring in any potted plants that spent the summer outside
 - Protect plants that are cold sensitive (like roses) with mulch