

FALL GARDENING CHORES

GENERAL CLEAN-UP

RAKE UP LEAVES & BRANCHES. COMPOST IF POSSIBLE
DEADHEAD PERENNIALS
CLEAN UP & REMOVE VEGETABLES & ANNUALS.
PICK-UP FRUIT FROM FRUIT TREES
COVER PATIO FURNITURE OR STORE INSIDE. GOOD TIME TO OIL WOOD.
STORE PLANTERS TO PROTECT FROM FREEZING
MULCH TENDER PLANTS (ROSES, PERENNIALS)
GOOD TIME TO ADD AMEND WITH ORGANIC MATERIAL

LAWN CARE

FERTILIZE WITH WINTERIZER TYPES.
AERATION
THATCH IF NECESSARY
APPLY SOIL ACTIVATOR
RESEED THIN OR BARE SPOTS
RAISE MOWER HEIGHT TO MIN OF 2 ½ INCHES. MOW UNTIL COMPLETELY DORMANT

PLANTING

BEST TIME OF THE YEAR TO PLANT TREES, SHRUBS & PERENNIALS.
PLANT BULBS FOR SPRING BLOOMS (TULIPS, DAFFODILS, CROCUS etc.)
PLANT ONIONS & GARLIC
DIVIDE & REPLANT PERENNIALS (DAISIES, DAYLILIES, IRIS,)
DIG UP FOR STORAGE INDOORS DAHLIA, GLADIOLUS, CANNAS etc

PRUNING

PRUNE WITH SHARP TOOLS ANY DEAD, DISEASED, DAMAGED OR CROSS BRANCHING LIMBS.
WAIT TILL MID WINTER OR EARLY SPRING FOR MORE AGGRESSIVE PRUNING.
DEAD HEAD HERBACEOUS PLANTS. REMOVE STEMS & LEAVES

TOOLS

DRAIN FUEL, OIL SPARKS PLUG, SHARPEN BLADES AND CLEAN OFF ANY DEBRIS
GOOD TIME TO HAVE MOWERS SERVICED

PESTS

ANY PLANTS THAT HAD PROBLEM LAST SUMMER, CLEAN UP LEAVES AND DISPOSE OF.
WRAP PLANTS THAT ARE FAVORED BY RODENTS
POISON BAIT MOST EFFECTIVE. FOLLOW DIRECTIONS
APPLY LIQUID FENCE TO PROTECT PLANTS
STORE PESTICIDES IN SIDE AWAY FROM FREEZING, SUNLIGHT AND MOISTURE.

BIRDS

CLEAN FEEDERS AND STOCK WITH FOOD.

IRRIGATION

REDUCE WATER RUN TIMES BY 75%

PREPARE FOR IRRIGATION SHUT DOWN. IMPORTANT TO NOT ALLOW WATER TO FREEZE IN

BACK FLOW DEVICE OR VALVES. USE AIR COMPRESSOR TO BE SURE

BE PREPARED TO HAND WATER DURING WINTER DRY SPELLS.

STORE HOSES BUT KEEP HANDY FOR SPOT WATERING

WEEDS

CLEAN UP AND APPLY PREEMERGANT HERBICIDES

PONDS OR FOUNTAINS

FEED FISH WHEAT GERM FOOD UNTIL WATER 50 DEGREES. REDUCE AMOUNT FED. FEED ONLY WHAT THEY EAT IN 5 MIN.

REMOVE FLOATERS AND COMPOST OR THROW AWAY

DRAIN FOUNTAINS, REMOVE PUMP AND COVER. ADD CAT LITTER TO BASINS TO PREVENT ICE DAMAGE.

IF YOU SHUT DOWN POND PUMP, PULL OUT AND STORE INSIDE IN BUCKET OF WATER
PULL OUT LEAVES AND DEBRIS.

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