

October Gardening Calendar

PLANTS IN FLOWER

- Sasanqua Camellia, Chrysanthemum, and asters.

PLANTS WITH COLORFUL BERRIES

- American Beautyberry, assorted hollies, Nandina, and Pyracantha.

FERTILIZING

Fertilize spring flowering bulbs at planting time with a balanced fertilizer

PLANTING

- Plant spring flowering bulbs like Daffodil, Tulip, Crocus, and Hyacinth this month.
- October is still a good time to set out new landscape plants.
- Plant or transplant Peonies this month.
- Continue planting Pansy plants now.
- If you do not have a fall vegetable garden, plant cover crops like Annual Rye, Barley, and Wheat.
- You can start salad vegetables in a cold frame and enjoy them all winter. Plant Lettuce, Green Onions, Carrots, Radishes, Broccoli, Cauliflower and most leafy greens inside the cold frame.

PRUNING

Rootprune any trees or plants you plan to move next spring.

SPRAYING *Pesticides should be used sparingly! Use only when needed and always follow the label.*

- Control the following woody weeds by spraying the recommended herbicide: Trumpet Creeper, and Blackberry.

PROPAGATION

- None. Just remember to check the cuttings you put in a cold frame for winter. This should be done twice a month. Water as needed.

SPECIFIC CHORES

- Take soil sample from your plant beds and vegetable garden for testing.
- Start filling your compost bin as leaves begin to fall. If you have not or do not plan to plant a cover crop, you can till organic material like tree leaves into your vegetable garden soil.
- Prepare bird feeders.
- Dig and store summer bulbs like Gladioli, Dahlia, and Caladium.
- Cure Sweet Potatoes this month.
- Spring flowering bulbs can be forced to flower in the dead of winter. Just pot the bulbs early this month and place inside your refrigerator. In twelve weeks take them out into the warmth of your home. Continue to prepare your lawn and garden equipment for winter storage.
- Store leftover fertilizers in a dry location for use next spring.

Plan a stroll through the Nash County Arboretum located at 1006 Eastern Avenue in Nashville. The beautiful arboretum gardens are maintained by the Nash County Master Gardener Volunteers.



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