

September Gardening Calendar

Lawn Care

- Now is the time to fertilize and lime your tall fescue according to the soil samples.
- There is no need to fertilize warm season grasses.
- Grubs in turf can be controlled with insecticides at the beginning of this month.

Fertilizing

- There are no fertilizing needs this month other than cool season grasses.

Planting

- Vegetables to be planted in September: mustard, onions, radishes, and turnips.
- Set out new chrysanthemum plants this month.
- As the weather cools, you may want to plant or transplant landscape plants. Be sure to “open up” the root balls of container plants.
- Pansies can also be set out this month to add color to the landscape.

Pruning

- Long-blooming annuals and perennials can be cut back.
- Now is NOT a good time to prune trees and shrubs because pruning will stimulate new growth.
- Dead or diseased wood can be pruned out anytime of the year.
- Weeds or unnecessary trees should be removed from the landscape.
- Rootprune any plants you plan to move next spring.

Spraying

- Watch shrubs for the following insects: spider mites, scale and lace bugs.
- Use recommended herbicide to control trumpet creeper and blackberry.
- Continue with rose spraying program.
- Peach and nectarine trees need a trunk spray for peach tree borers.
- Insects and diseases can be more severe in the autumn, keep a close eye on your fall vegetables.

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

Other Activities

- Prepare houseplants to reenter your home. Check them carefully for insects.
- Seeds can be saved from your summer vegetables.
- Clean up and put away unused gardening equipment so it will be ready for the spring.
- Destroy any dead vegetable plants by chopping, burning, or plowing under.
- Start looking for spring flowering bulbs to plant in October.

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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