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Tucking In The Landscape For
Winter

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MOW - Once Per Week - Remember
to raise the blade height as
temperatures increase

HAND WATER

-  Dry Spots
-  Annuals
-  Newly Planted Areas
-  Keep Azalea, Caladium and other
sensitive plants moist

**Water as required and 24 hours
before a hard freeze**

To Over Seed or Not To Over Seed

Rye Grass

Fescue

Benefits - Looks green all winter

Disadvantages - Weakens warm season turf so that:

- Spring dead spots

- Deferred growth

- Insects

- Disease

WEEDS!!!


🌳 Don't allow plants with green fruit or berries to suffer from lack of water


🌳 When Watering - Soak don't sprinkle a deep soaking once a week with some annuals spot watering as needed

🌳 Establish a new compost pile for the fall leaves

🌳 Prune all dead or diseased wood from trees and shrubs

🌳 Stop Pinching Mums

 Prune hedges as needed - Severe pruning at this time will cause tender foliage growth prior to frost

 Roses - Remove dead or weak canes and brushy growth. Fertilize and water thoroughly. If a preventative disease-control program has been maintained a fall crop of excellent flowers should be produced

FERTILIZE

- 🌸 Mums - every two weeks until buds show color
- 🌸 Caladiums with 21-0-0 at the rate of one-half pound per 100 square feet and water thoroughly
- 🌸 Lawns with 15-5-10 with Sulphur

WATCH FOR AND TREAT IF NEEDED

- 🌸 Grub Worms
- 🌸 Chinch Bugs
- 🌸 Spider Mites
- 🌸 Scale

Storing Caladium Tubers

- ✿ Dig in late October dry in a well ventilated, shady area
- ✿ After 7 to 20 days, remove leaves and dirt, pack in dry peat moss, vermiculite, or similar material for storage
- ✿ Pack tubers so they do not touch each other
- ✿ Dust with all-purpose fungicide as you pack
- ✿ Place container where temperature won't drop below 50 degrees F

PLANT FOR FALL & SPRING COLOR

🌸 Zinnias (fall only)

🌸 Snapdragons

🌸 Dianthus

🌸 Pansies

🌸 Calendulas



Pansies, Calendulas and other cool season annuals from seed in well prepared beds or flats for planting outside in mid-to-late fall (Aug/Sept)

Plants for color during September, October, and November

🌻 Marigolds

🌻 Zinnias

🌻 Pansies



Sow Bluebonnet & other spring wildflowers from seed. They must germinate in late summer or early fall to develop good root systems and be ready to grow in spring

Divide Spring-Flowering Perennials



Iris



Shasta (clump)



Oxeye daisy (shorter)



Gaillardia



Cannas



Day Lilies



Violets (invasive)



Lirope



Ajuga



Mondo Grass



Make selections and order spring
flowering bulbs as soon as available for
planting in October and November -
Tulips when ground is 50 F



Fall is for planting

- 🌳 Trees
- 🌳 Shrubs
- 🌳 Spring blooming perennials
- 🌳 Cool season annuals
- 🌳 Wildflowers
- 🌳 Spring blooming bulbs

Plant in September thru February

Bulbs for Spring Color

- ❧ Oxblood lily
- ❧ Red Spider Lily
- ❧ Daffodils
- ❧ Tulips
- ❧ Grape Hyacinth
- ❧ Hyacinth



Tulips



Oxblood Lily



Red Spider Lily



Grape Hyacinth



Hyacinth

🍷 Don't commit Crape Murder!



Major Pruning of Trees

- ✿ Begin major pruning of trees in late October
- ✿ If you need to get on a ladder you need a professional
- ✿ Professionals are Certified Arborists and ask if they will top a tree. If they say yes hang up!
- ✿ Ask if they are bonded and insured. Verify information



Drain gasoline from power tools and run the engine until fuel in the carburetor is used up



Drain and store garden hoses and watering equipment in a readily accessible location.



Cover outside faucets with a foam dome



Clean all tools. Coat metal surfaces with thin film of oil. Sand wooden handles and reseal

APHIDS



- ✿ Usually found on new foliage
 - ✿ Can be washed off with a strong stream of water
 - ✿ Treat with Insecticidal Soap or Diatomaceous Earth
- Treat stems, both sides of leaves and new buds

MEALY BUGS



- ☀ Look like cotton on stems and leaves
- ☀ Can also be found on roots
- ☀ Can be washed off or treated with alcohol applied with a Q-tip
- ☀ Treat with Insecticidal Soap

SCALE



- ☀ Look for bumps on the stems or leaves that are tan, brown or black

- ☀ They can be treated with Dormant Oils or Superior Horticultural Oil



- ☀ Symptoms include Honey Dew - a sticky substance on the leaves and stems.

RED SPIDERS



- ☀ Look for webbing or insects on the underside of leaves Wash off with a strong stream of water
- ☀ Mist underside of leaves twice a day for 1 to 2 weeks
- ☀ Use insecticidal soap on underside of leaves
- ☀ Mites reproduction quadruples when the temperature goes above 90 degrees
- ☀ Treat the area around the container to avoid another infestation



- ☀ This bug can be treated easily with Horticultural Oil in Summer or Winter but must be sprayed at least twice and again as needed.
- ☀ This will show us as black sooty mold and then you look for the insects.
- ☀ Be aware all the time and treat with found.

