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Tucking In The Landscape For  
Winter

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# Tucking In The Landscape For Winter

**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



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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



Daffodil



Tulips



Oxblood Lily



Red Spider Lily



Grape Hyacinth



Hyacinth

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BULB FARM

# 🍷 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.

