Fall Gardening Checklist

Created: 12/29/2011

# Tasks:

☐ **September**

☐ **Water plants less as temperatures start to dwindle.**

☐ **Pick herbs to freeze and/or dry.**

☐ **Cover water features with netting to collect falling leaves.**

☐ **Bring summer houseplants back indoors for the cooler months.**

☐ **Plant trees and shrubs.**

☐ **Keep planted trees and shrubs well-watered after planting.**

☐ **Plan your spring bulb garden.**

☐ **Prepare soil beds and plant Spring-flowering bulbs.**

☐ **Clean bird feeders.**

☐ **Put tools, hoses, and portable sprinkler systems in storage.**

☐ **One last weeding will help to improve the appearance of your garden.**

☐ **Fertilize your lawn.**

☐ **Reap the harvest of the vegetables and herbs still in your garden - preserve, puree, can or freeze.**

☐ **October**

☐ **Transplant shrubs or young trees to new locations.**

☐ **Cut back flowers that have stopped blooming and/or stop deadheading seed heads early Fall.**

☐ **Prune any diseased or stressed tree/shrub limbs.**

☐ **Rake and compost any fallen leaves, friut and dried brush.**

☐ **Remove dead annuals from the garden.**

☐ **Continue watering trees and shrubs until the ground freezes.**

☐ **Dispose of any diseased or infested plant debris to avoid re-entry of the problem in the Spring.**

☐ **Take cuttings, if desired, to winter indoors.**

☐ **Outside, spray all plants gently with water to dislodge any unwanted pests.**

☐ **November**

☐ **Divide perennials and transplant newly divided bulbs.**

☐ **Mulch rose bushes.**

☐ **Clean fallen leaves in downspouts and gutters.**

☐ **Burlap wrap any plants that would benefit before heavy frosts begin.**

☐ **Assess which plants and shrubs have done well in your gardens and which have not.**

☐ **Watch for frost warnings; protect/cover plants and vegetables as needed.**