

What to do in your November garden



These vegetable and herb beds are ready for rest.

- **PLANT** your bulbs now through January. By planting a dozen or so bulbs per week, you will have a continuous show of color for the spring. Crocus, daffodils, tulips, wood hyacinths and Dutch iris are favorites.
- **THROW** two or three matchsticks into each hold before planting bulbs. The sulphur kills insects and enriches the soil.
- **FERTILIZE** your bulbs with a composition of 4-10-6 right after planting to help grow strong roots. Do not mix fertilizer into the hole. Do not use chicken or horse manure, mushroom or household compost (could be a breeding ground for fungus), or any acidic soil amendment. Bulbs require soil with neutral pH to develop their root system.
- **RESEED** lawns with clover or Pearl's Premium (www.PearlsPremium.com) if you want grass without the guilt and the water surcharges. For tips on planting see <https://www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue0918/Digging-Deep-Gardening-with-Cynthia-Brian.html>.
- **CLEAN** and store patio furniture. With an El Nino in the forecast, covering your outdoor furniture, pads, and pillows will not be enough. Give everything a good brushing, then put in the garage or watertight storage area.
- **CALL** an arborist to inspect your large limbs and trunks before the storms arrive.
- **HARVEST** walnuts, gourds and pumpkins.
- **DEADHEAD** your roses weekly to maintain blossoms and fragrance throughout November and December. If you prefer the red and orange colors of fall, allow the rose hips to form and harvest for additional vitamin C.
- **STAKE** young trees and prune dead or dried limbs from established mature trees.
- **STOP** by your local nurseries to choose deciduous trees with vibrant fall colors that will suit your landscape. A tree planted on the north side protects gardens from the blustery winter winds.
- **TIDY** your vegetable garden and potager. Add straw and mulch to enrich the soil over winter.
- **SHARPEN** garden shears and tools before storing.
- **SCATTER** ripe seeds of biennials and perennials, such as Foxglove and Echinacea, encouraging new plants in your garden. Hybrid varieties may not grow true from seed offering you a spring surprise.
- **PLANT** autumn showy ground covers, color spots, and shrubs as they are in their full fall riotous splendor. Heuchera is an especially pretty perennial in its autumn robes offering foliage in a variety of textures, shapes and colors.
- **SOW** winter crops of Swiss chard, broccoli, beets, carrots, cauliflower, lettuce, peas, turnips and spinach.
- **VISIT** a vineyard to witness the golden and amber hues post harvest.
- **RAKE** a pile of leaves. Let the kids frolic and kick, then add them to your compost pile. (Add the leaves, not the kids!)
- **ENJOY** the fall foliage. Persimmons, pomegranates, and guava trees showcase their precious fruits. Savor the colors in anticipation of the holiday harvest next month.
- **SHARE** your gratitude.



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So don't wait until it's too late, call your local Arborist at Advance Tree Service and Landscaping to help you assess your risk today.

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