

BUILDING AND TOOLS

- Write down supplies you may need for building and repairs
- Utilize frost protection tools to extend growing seasons
- Clean, dry, and cover lawn furniture
- Clean and sanitize bird feeders to prepare for winter bird seed supply
- Clean and sanitize tools
- Sharpen lawn mower blades, chainsaws, loppers, and clippers.
- Repair any fences or structures that are collapsing or rotting,
- Clean pots and garden supports with a 2 to 1 solution of water and bleach

GARDEN PLANNING

- Consider crop rotation by taking note of where your current plants are growing
- Plan out new garden beds
- Reflect on what worked and did not work in your garden
- Cover all soil with mulch to protect it from erosion and weeds, or plant a cover crop
- Visit local farmers markets for late season bargains and new ideas

ALL ABOUT WATER

- Drain hoses and empty birdbaths
- Cover outdoor faucets with covers
- Water soil thoroughly before a freeze to insulate plants still growing
- Prepare rain collection systems for fresh rains in the autumn months
- Check gutters for debris as leaves being to fall

SEED NEEDS

- Save seeds from plants and make sure to label them with their variety
- Organize seed packets for easy planting in the next season
- Have seed starting supplies ready
- Order seed catalogs and seeds if available

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- **GARDEN CLEAN UP**
- Top off tomato plants to allow remaining tomatoes to ripen
- Remove foliage, immature fruits, and female flowers from squashes and other plants
- Remove spent plants and debris
- Cut down rhubarb and asparagus ferns
- Add healthy vines and plants to compost to clear summer garden
- Dispose of diseased plants in garbage (do not place diseased plants in compost)
- Weed garden spaces

flower

for edible and

- Wrap small trees and fruit trees
- Bring non-cold hardy potted plants indoors, including citrus trees. Inspect for pests.
- Dig up tender tubers and bulbs. Store in a cool dry place over winter.
- Add 4 to 6 inches of compost or organic matter to the top of garden beds
- Remove and maintain garden supports
- Cut back berry canes halfway and prune any dead or nonproductive canes
- Leave sunflowers and other seeded plants available for birds to forage
- Fertilize shrubs and roses
- Mulch all garden beds
- Stop pruning of trees and shrubs to prevent new growth
- For tropical plants, start transitioning them indoors in early fall late summer
- Turn compost
- Collect fallen leaves for mulching or add to compost
- Overseed, aerate, fertilize, and clear leaves off lawns
- Collect small limbs and branches for fire pits
- Seed or lay sod for establishing new lawns or making repairs
- Raise your mower blade

CANNING AND PRESERVING

- Consider new supplies to use for preserving produce (spiralizer, dehydrator, canner, etc.)
- Can and preserve your ripe fruits and vegetables using your favorite recipes
- Look up recipes for green tomatoes, un-ripened fruits, and vegetables in case you cannot get all the harvest before it gets too cold
- Get your root cellar or storage areas cleaned and organized for the incoming new items
- Take harvested herbs and hang them upside down in a cool dry place to have dried herbs ready for processing



FALL PLANTING LIST

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER - ZONE 8

SEED STARTING INDOORS

Kitchen Herbs
Microgreens
Broccoli
Cabbage
Cauliflower
Kale

TRANSPLANTS

Flowers

Snapdragons

Dianthus

Pansies

Mums

Asters

Edibles

Artichokes
Broccoli
Brussel Sprouts
Cabbage

Cauliflower

Collards

Garlic Chives

Kale

Kohlrabi

Lemon Balm

Mint

Oregano

Strawberries

Apple Tree

Apricot Tree

Pear Tree

Peach Tree

Cherry Tree

Plum Tree

DIRECT SEEDING OUTDOORS

Edibles

Arugula

Beets

Bok Choy

Bush Snap Beans

Carrot

Chinese Cabbage

Cilantro

Collards

Dill

Endive (Early Fall)

English Peas

Fennel

Fenugreek

Garlic Cloves

Green Beans

Horseradish Roots

Leeks

Shallots

Lettuce

Lima Beans

Lovage

Mustard

Onions Starts

Parsley

Parsnips

Pole Beans

Radish

Spinach

Sugar Snap Peas

Swiss Chard

Tender Greens

Turnips

Flowers

Allium

Crocus

Daffodils

Dutch irises

Grape hyacinths

Hyacinths

Tulips

Lily of the valley

Lilies

Snowdrops

Poppies

Hollyhock

Bachelor buttons





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FALL HARVESTING LIST

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER - ZONE 8

SEPTEMBER

Beans

Celery

Corn

Cucumbers

Eggplants

Lettuce

Melons

Peppers

Potatoes

Squashes

Sweet potatoes

Tomatoes

OCTOBER

Beets

Brussel sprouts

Cabbage

Carrots

Corn

Gourds

Kale

Lettuce

Parsnips

Potatoes

Pumpkins

Radishes

Spinach

Squash

Sweet potatoes

Swiss chard

NOVEMBER

Arugula

Beets

Broccoli

Carrots

Cauliflower

Collard greens

Kale

Lettuce

Parsnips

Pumpkins

Radishes

Spinach

Squash

Sweet potatoes

