



September Gardening Tips

Season: Fall

Maintenance:

- Grooming & Pruning:
 - Time to cut back lily stalks that are fully yellow
 - Remove dying foliage from iris
- Fertilizing:
 - Fertilize beds of spring flowering bulbs
 - Apply first application of fertilizer to the turf
- Watering:
 - Hopefully fall rains have started, but if not continue to provide water for plants installed within the last 1-2 years
- Clean up
 - Begin cleaning up perennials beds-cut back spent flower stalks, clean up dead leaf debris, and weed
 - Keep leaves off the grass. Use the leaves as compost in your beds. Or if the leaf cover is not deep, mulch while dry and leave on the lawn to provide nutrients to the turf.

Planting:

- Plant your fall salad garden—lettuce, arugula, swiss chard & kale
- Time to aerate and overseed cool season turf
- Consider lifting and storing tender perennials such as glads, cannas and dahlias

Planning:

If you haven't ordered Spring blooming bulbs to plant later this fall, now is the time. Bulbs are an efficient way to create a big wow factor in the spring.

Forced bulbs and potted amaryllis are great gift ideas. Get started now to have gifts ready for holiday parties and gift giving. (Bulbs for forcing: Hyacinth, crocus, daffodil, narcissus, tulips, paper-whites)

Decorating

Create whimsical centerpieces and bouquets using fresh and dried herbs. Add a splash of color using straw flowers, zinnias or coneflowers



Most important of all have fun and enjoy the journey.

