



in the
Garden

**AUGUST
EDITION**

GARDENING

- Beat the rush! Schedule your landscape consultation now for fall!
- Plant container-grown perennials, shrubs and trees this month. Properly prepare your soil by amending it with composted cow manure, soil conditioner and by adding BioTone Plant Food.
- Water the plants thoroughly after planting or transplanting. Read our professional planting and watering recommendations and take care of your new and established plants.
- Divide spring flowering perennials this month or next month. Work during the coolest part of the day and water plants thoroughly afterwards.
- Prune your hybrid tea roses in late August to promote the most fall blooms. Remove about 1/3 of the center of the plant and any weak or spindly canes. Control fungus and insects with Rose Shield or Fertilome 2-in-1.
- Pull weeds before they have a chance to flower and go to seed again. Weeds harbor insects and diseases and they rob your plants of water and nutrients.
- Plant starters or seeds for fall and winter vegetables like green onion, carrots, beets, lettuce, spinach, radishes and winter cauliflower directly into the garden this month.
- Bring poinsettias and/or Christmas cacti back indoors to prepare for holiday flowering. Poinsettias need to be kept at 65-70 degrees and subjected to at least six weeks of 14 hours of total darkness per day and a minimum of 4 hours of direct light. Apply a good fertilizer now. Christmas cactus require the same general care, but they need temperatures of 50-60 degrees.
- Clean your houseplants and treat any pests with all-natural options like Neem Oil or Insecticidal soap and Triple Action to control insects, disease and mites.

LAWN CARE

- Apply a fungicide (like F-Stop or Infuse) to your lawn to prevent brown patch.
- Apply selective weed control to your fescue lawn late month to prepare for seeding next month.
- Fertilize your warm season lawn one last time before fall.
- Apply an iron product (without nitrogen) to your fescue lawn to improve green color.
- Apply lime to your cool season grass this month in preparation for aeration and over-seeding in September.
- Schedule aeration and over-seeding of your lawn now for September. Routine lawn aeration and over-seeding is necessary for our clay soil. If you need a recommendation, just ask, as we do not perform this service!