



in the  
**Garden**

**SEPTEMBER  
EDITION**

**GARDENING**

- Water new and established plants as the weather necessitates, up until the ground freezes.
- Plant seeds and fall vegetables like onions, garlic, broccoli and leafy greens.
- Encourage healthy root development and establish new plants, trees and shrubs this fall using Espoma Bio-Tone fertilizer, a root-enhancing fertilizer.
- Update outdoor planters and containers with fall flowering annuals, trimmed topiary, tiny conifers, flowy grasses, ornamental peppers and other gorgeous options for sun or shade.
- Bring long-lasting color to your garden and plant winter cold-season annuals like pansies, ornamental peppers and kale, cabbage and fall-blooming chrysanthemums (mums).
- Fill feeders with seed, feed and suet and serve the birds food and water ahead of their winter migrations.
- Control damage from insects, slugs and snails or disease throughout your garden. If you observe a problem, bring a picture or a sample (in a plastic bag, please) and let one of our gardeners help diagnose the problem and recommend a solution.
- Improve the appearance of your garden beds and weed before winter.
- Dig up and store tender bulbs, like dahlias, in a cool, dark place after the first frost.
- Plant and mark perennials with permanent tags, stakes or map their locations. You'll be glad you did once they die back at the end of the season!
- Divide overgrown or crowded perennials and move to new areas of the garden.
- Organize, clean and replace garden tools and work gloves ahead of fall planting.

**LAWN CARE**

- Warm season lawns (bermuda, zoysia): Make your first application of Hi Yield Turf & Ornamental Weed Stopper to reduce winter weeds and annual bluegrass.
- For fescue lawns: Now is the time to aerate, seed and apply Fertilome New Lawn Starter fertilizer.
- Top dress newly seeded Fescue lawns with a very thin areas with Black Earth lawn soil or compost.
- If you're not seeding your Fescue lawn, apply Fertilome Crabgrass Preventer + Lawn Food to reduce winter weeds.