



in the
Garden

NOVEMBER
EDITION

- Create colorful containers and beds with fall and winter favorites like pansies, violas, ornamental cabbage, heuchera, euphorbia and small evergreen plants.
- Cut Chrysanthemum stems to 2-3 inches from the soil once they begin to die back.
- Continue to move and transplant perennials throughout the fall and winter.
- Stake newly planted, large trees and shrubs to protect them from the wind. Keep plants staked until the roots have had an opportunity to establish.
- Prune your evergreens to shape.
- Spray fruit trees, shade or flowering trees and other deciduous plants with a dormant season solution as soon as the plant's leaves fall. Spraying helps control overwintering insects and diseases.
- Plant your tulip and other spring blooming bulbs mid- to late- November for the best blooms. Remember to use bulb fertilizer. Stop in and speak with one of our gardeners to refresh your knowledge on the proper planting of bulbs, corms and tubers.
- Protect tender plants from the first frost with mulch (bark or straw) to create a "blanket of protection" over the root system.
- After the first frost, dig up and store tender bulbs in a cool, dark area.
- Water your lawn as necessary. Fescue grass is at its peak right now with cooler temperatures. Established lawns need an inch of rain per week; newly established lawns need more.
- Indoor plants dry out considerably in dry heat. Help your houseplants survive the winter by moving them away from vents and drafts. Consider placing tropical plants on a pebble filled tray of water to ensure adequate humidity and moisture.
- Pot spring flowering bulbs for indoor color during the winter. Store the pots in a cool, dark place until new growth emerges from the soil, and then move them to a bright window.
- Continue to watch for insect and/or disease damage and treat your indoor plants to control the problem.
- Drain your hoses and/or your irrigation system and shut everything down for the winter.
- After your last mowing of the season, properly store your mower by running it until it is out of fuel. Old gas can severely damage the engine.
- Restock any tools that need replacing now for the spring.
- Rake your lawn and continue to do so to keep leaves, acorns and pine straw off the lawn. It's easy to ruin new grass with piles of leaves laying on it.
- Plant and transplant trees and shrubs this month. Most ornamental plants have entered into dormancy and can be safely planted or dug up and replanted.