



in the
Garden

SEPTEMBER
EDITION

- Water new and established plants as the weather necessitates, up until the ground freezes.
- 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 (A.K.A. '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.