

# NOVEMBER



## GARDENING TO DO LIST

### GENERAL

- ☐ drain hoses & bring indoors
- ☐ turn off outdoor faucets at indoor shutoff & open faucet to let any water drain out
- ☐ pile leaves in a corner of the yard to decay & use as compost next year
- ☐ create new beds: cut grass low, cover with newspaper, then layers of organic matter, followed by a thick layer of straw or mulch

### VEGETABLES & HERBS

- ☐ overwinter carrots, turnips & parsnips: cover with straw/leaf mulch; harvest as necessary
- ☐ protect cool-season crops with a cold frame, plastic sheeting or floating row cover to extend productivity
- ☐ sow spinach for early spring harvest
- ☐ incorporate organic matter (like composted manure) into garden beds

### SHRUBS & TREES

- ☐ keep planting trees & shrubs
- ☐ keep shrubs & trees well watered through first frost to ensure they go into winter hydrated
- ☐ use burlap to protect plants that are susceptible to breakage from snow
- ☐ if you haven't already, apply a slow release fertilizer (like Espoma)

### ANNUALS & PERENNIALS

- ☐ plant pansies & ornamental cabbage & kale for cool temperature color
- ☐ keep watering perennials until 2<sup>nd</sup> heavy frost
- ☐ cut back annuals & perennials after top foliage has died (leave seed heads of plants you want to self-sow & those of black-eyed Susans, coneflowers & native grasses for birds to feed on) & compost (just don't compost diseased foliage)
- ☐ mulch perennials after first hard freeze with 1-2" of compost, shredded hardwood or pine mulch
- ☐ cover bare soil with mulch or groundcovers to prevent erosion
- ☐ add organic matter to garden beds by mixing a 6-8" layer of leaf compost or well-rotted manure, then cover with mulched leaves

### LAWN

- ☐ apply fertilizer if you haven't already (note: it is illegal to apply fertilizer between Nov. 15 & March 1)
- ☐ apply lime to adjust lawn pH
- ☐ rake leaves off lawn or chop them with a mulching mower & allow to decompose on the lawn
- ☐ service mower after final mowing of the year

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### TO DO LIST, CONT.

#### WILDLIFE

- ☐ provide food (including suet) & water for birds
- ☐ clean bird baths, feeders & nest boxes
- ☐ pile leaves & trimmings in a corner of the yard for winter protection for ground-dwelling birds & hibernating reptiles

#### BULBS

- ☐ continue planting spring-blooming bulbs
- ☐ dig & store tender bulbs before ground freezes: after frost blackens foliage, cut back to 6" & dig up, wash off soil, let dry for 2 weeks, then store in boxes filled with peat moss/bark chips in a cool, dry place
- ☐ pot paperwhite bulbs starting now (plant every 2-3 weeks for continuous flowers)

#### HOUSEPLANTS

- ☐ reduce feeding schedule to once a month

#### PESTS

- ☐ keep spraying deer repellants if deer are a problem
- ☐ spray hemlocks infected with wooly adelgids (look like spray-on snow) with horticultural oil when temperatures will be above freezing for 24 hours after application
- ☐ remove bagworm bags from plants & dispose of them in the trash
- ☐ prune away branches with egg masses of the Eastern tent caterpillar (look like shiny, black styrofoam)