

MONTHLY GARDENING CHECKLIST

November

This month the pace slows down and we start to put our gardens to bed in preparation for Winter, but it's still an ideal time to plant shrubs and trees, and be sure to keep porch pots fresh for guests!



FOR THE GARDEN

Seasonal Color

- Refresh containers** with evergreen color like Heather, Ornamental Cabbage/Kale, Grasses, and Heuchera, and seasonal interest like Pansies and Violas.
- Plant Pansies and Violas** in pots and landscapes soon so they can develop roots to thrive all Winter.
- Pot up Hyacinths/Daffodils** to force early bloom indoors next February; leave outside in protected area 14–16 weeks until rooted; water thoroughly every few weeks.
- Plant garlic and Spring-flowering bulbs;** don't wait—give them time to root before cold, wet weather sets in!

Planting & Maintenance

- It's the ideal time to plant trees and shrubs**—evaluate need for evergreens and Winter interest. Continue to plant and transplant until the end of this month.
- Protect tender evergreens/new plantings** from wind with **Harvest Guard** or anti-transpirant like **Wilt-Pruf**.
- Thin shrubs/trees as needed** (further pruning may result in new growth that won't harden off before Winter).
- Remove dead/damaged branches** from trees/shrubs and those that may cause damage from wind/snow/ice.
- Cut roses** to waist/chest high to reduce Winter damage.
- Continue to water** pots or landscape beds under eaves and on porches since the rains won't reach those plants!
- Leave Ornamental Grasses through Winter** for texture and wildlife food/shelter; trim back January or February.
- Clean and sharpen tools** before storing for Winter.
- Treat mossy roofs/walkways** with **Bonide Moss Max**.
- Mulch garden beds after frost with **G&B Soil Building Conditioner**. Do not pile close to stem, trunk, or crown.
- Consider applying dormant spray** to struggling plants; Roses, Dogwoods, Lilacs, and Fruit Trees will especially benefit from dormant season control of pests/diseases.
- Control slugs with traps or baits;** **Sluggo/Slug Magic** are all-natural and safe around edibles, pets, and kids.
- Drain and store hoses** before freezing temps arrive.
- Schedule irrigation system winterization** with our team of specialists to prevent damage and save time/money.

Edible Gardening

- Harvest** Fall Turnips, Lettuce, and Spinach.
- Plant Garlic and Shallot bulbs** now for Summer harvest. Amend soil with **Malibu Compost** and **G&B Starter Fertilizer** or **bone meal**.
- Plant Blueberries, Cane Berries, Fruit Trees;** amend soil with **G&B Soil Building Conditioner** if planting in heavy clay; use **G&B Acid Planting Mix** for Blueberries.
- Plant cover crops** or spread 3–4 inch layer of chopped/shredded leaves over garden to build soil, eliminate and suppress weeds, and prevent compaction.
- Mulch veggie garden beds** after a hard frost. Protect tender greens and Fall crops from heavy freezes with **cold frames** and **frost protection cloths**.
- Prepare dormant spray for Ornamental/Fruit Trees:** Spray around Thanksgiving, New Years, and President's Day: **Horticultural Spray Oil** for insects, **Bonide Copper Fungicide** for diseases, **Home Orchard Spray** for both.
- Treat Peaches** four weeks after leaf fall; spray for Peach leaf curl and shot hole diseases.



FOR THE LAWN

- Mossy lawns may need improved drainage and/or lime application** (confirm with pH test). Control moss and help green up with **Bonide MossMax Granules**. Contact our Landscaping Department for major drainage issues.
- Clean and oil lawnmower;** service as needed.



INDOOR GARDENING

- Plant Paperwhites and Amaryllis for seasonal color:** Paperwhites open in 4–6 weeks; Amaryllis 6–8 weeks.



JUST FOR FUN

- Create a holiday arrangement** with cuttings from the garden—berries, seed heads, leaves, stems, flowers.
- Join one of our Fall/Winter classes** to learn more about seasonal plant care or make a fun DIY Winter Wreath!
- Visit local gardens for inspo/Fall color:** Hoyt Arboretum, Portland Japanese Garden, Lan Su Chinese Garden