



November



Gardening Activities

Prepare:

- Use pine needles as mulch, and stake young trees loosely so they can develop strong trunks.
- Pre-chill tulips, hyacinths, and crocuses. Begin forcing paper whites, Chinese sacred lilies, and Tazetta hybrid narcissus in water and pebbles.
- Wrap trunks of young citrus and avocado with insulating material to protect from frost damage.
- Divide and transplant agapanthus, Matilija poppy, and deadhead perennials.
- Cut back chrysanthemums (after bloom) and red fountain grass (after new growth).
- Prune acacias and cane berries other than low-chill raspberries.
- Prune pine trees and conifers, especially to open up dense areas to allow wind to move through.

Fertilize & Water:

- Fertilize cool-season bedding flowers and cineraria. Don't feed wildflowers or roses.
- Continue to fertilize cool-season lawns; stop fertilizing warm-season lawns when growth slows.
- Water all garden plants less frequently as weather cools and rains begin. Watch for stress if rain is light, especially with citrus.
- Once rains arrive, stop watering succulents growing in the ground.
- Water bulbs and roses until mid month if rains are light.
- Water cool-season lawns when rains aren't adequate; stop watering warm-season lawns when they go brown.

Planting:

- Plant wildflowers, Ca natives, ground covers, anemones, daffodils, Dutch iris, grape hyacinth, ranunculus, spring-flowering bulbs, cool-season flowers, perennials, flowering kale, flowering cabbage, garlic and winter vegetables.
- Do not plant tulips, hyacinths, and crocuses.
- Plant bare-root artichokes and strawberries; early November.
- Plant short-day globe onions in early November.
- Plant cool-season lawns from seed, and overseed Bermuda with ryegrass if desired.
- Plant a basket of narcissus for holiday bloom, and continue to plant nasturtiums, lupines, and wildflower seeds.

Pest and Weed Control:

- Bait flowerbeds for cutworms, slugs and snails.
- Spray peach and nectarine trees for peach leaf curl after leaves fall.
- Trap gophers on lawns and in the garden.