



Healthy Garden Tips

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GARDEN CHECKLIST FOR FALL

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FLOWER BEDS

- ✓ Double dig flower beds
- ✓ Plant bulbs
- ✓ Plant winter flowers; Stock, Pansies, Snapdragons
- ✓ Seed wild flowers
- ✓ Dry flower heads for Thanksgiving and holiday arrangements
- ✓ Remove old leaves from iris

SHRUBS

- ✓ Trim back lavender and other flowering perennials
- ✓ Mulch camellias and azaleas
- ✓ For larger camellia blooms, remove all but one bud per stem
- ✓ Divide perennials
- ✓ Feed roses

TREES

- ✓ One last watering for evergreen trees
- ✓ Stop watering deciduous trees
- ✓ Plant new trees
- ✓ Prune apricot trees before leaves fall
- ✓ Prune other fruit trees December-February before new growth
- ✓ Fertilize after final harvest (half now and half in early Spring)
- ✓ Get ready for winter pest control sprays (dormant oil, peach leaf curl, shot hole, fungus, fireblight)
- ✓ Clean up litter dead leaves and mummies of fruit

VEGETABLE GARDENS

- ✓ Pull out old vegetables (squash, beans, tomatoes, sunflowers, etc.)
- ✓ Plant vegetables for fall and winter
- ✓ Dig potatoes and other root crops, dry and store

OTHER

- ✓ Build a compost pile (cover it during rain)
- ✓ Bring house plants indoors and potted frost tender plants
- ✓ Force bulbs for holiday blooming
- ✓ Fertilize lawn
- ✓ Plant cover crops

Additional Reading: *A Month-by-Month Guide to Gardening in Napa County*, UC Master Gardeners of Napa County, 2020