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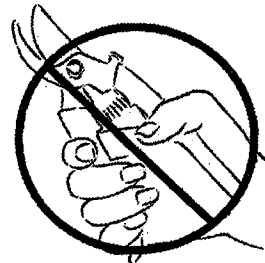
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## Why You Should Stop Pruning Your Garden in the Fall

### Fall pruning could cause more harm than good to your shrubs and trees.

There's something about this time of the year that makes people eager to start pruning. With fall garden cleanup in full swing, maybe it's all the raking and mulching that has people going bananas. But before you start hacking at your trees and bushes, take a tip from a seasoned gardening expert: "The rules of fall pruning are simple: Prune nothing in the fall! Zilch! Zero!" pleads emphatic gardening expert Mike McGrath. "That goes for shrubs and plants as well as trees", McGrath insists.



**Why Fall Is the Worst Time for Pruning** – Pruning in the fall stimulates new growth just when the plants are trying to go dormant, and this severely weakens the plants. Plus, if you prune on a warm day, sap rises up into the plant.

Then, it drops below freezing that night and you will get dieback on the stems. Instead, prune in the dead of winter or in early spring. Spring bloomers can be pruned right after they finish flowering.

Waiting until winter to prune means that most woody plants are dormant, and because leaves have already fallen, it makes it easier for you to see what you're doing. For early spring bloomers, prune them just after they finish blooming. For very overgrown deciduous shrubs, winter pruning is probably best.

### Absolutely Do NOT Prune these in the Fall...

These plants bloom in early spring and are already setting their buds for next spring, so if you prune them now, you are basically cutting off next spring's flowers.

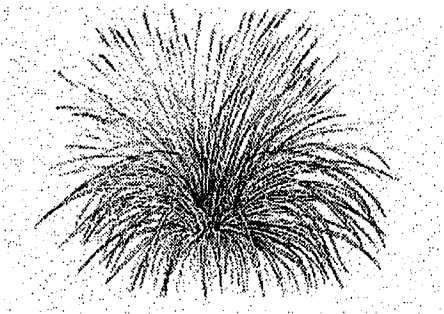
- Dogwood Trees
- Lilac – all varieties
- Magnolia
- Viburnum
- Forsythia
- Rhododendron
- Azalea
- Hydrangea – macrophyllas usually pink or blue in color and Oakleaf hydrangea

### What you CAN prune AFTER plants have gone dormant...

- Barberry, Spirea & Potentilla – Prune back by 25% to reduce their size and for a fuller plant next spring.
- Roses – Prune back to 18" and protect over winter with a rose collar and mulch.
- Evergreens – Shape up going into winter & use the cut greens for Christmas.
- Any plant that is rubbing up against your house.
- Any dead or broken branches.

### Leave for Winter Interest....

- Ornamental Grasses
- Hydrangeas – varieties that bloom in summer
- Perennials - such as Sedum Autumn Joy, black-eyed susan, coneflowers, etc.
- Red Twig Dogwood – only prune out dark colored, dead branches to the ground.



## Apply Gypsum to your Garden and Lawn in the Fall

We normally talk about adding Gypsum to your garden in the spring, but why not get a head start on conditioning your soil NOW by applying gypsum this Fall! If your garden didn't perform as you think it should and you've tried fertilizers and other products and still aren't getting the results you'd like, the problem could be in your soil. Lack of proper nutrients or poor soil conditioning could be affecting your plants in one way or another. Farmers have been successfully using gypsum to enhance crop growth for over 150 years. Gypsum is a natural soil conditioner made up of calcium and sulfate that provides many useful benefits to gardens and lawns. Here are some of the ways gypsum can enhance your garden:

**Gypsum is an Excellent Source of Calcium** - Calcium is an essential nutrient for plant growth and development, particularly for roots and shoots. It also acts as a balancing element, improving a plant's ability to take in other essential nutrients such as ammonium nitrogen. Since calcium cannot move from old to new plant tissues, a constant supply of soluble calcium is required for optimum plant health.

**Gypsum Provides Essential Sulfur** - Plants require sulfur for protein synthesis. Sulfur is also an important component to nodule formation on legume roots and is responsible for the characteristic smell of onions and garlic. Adding gypsum to your garden is a great way to ensure your plants have sufficient sulfur and the sulfate in gypsum is ready for plant absorption immediately.

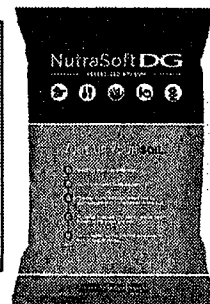
**Gypsum Helps Break Up Compacted Soil** - Tightly packed clay soils can be a problem in many gardens since water and other essential nutrients tend to puddle or run off the surface, rather than penetrate deep into the soil where plants can utilize them. Gypsum can help loosen clay soils and improve soil structure by transforming fine, tightly packed particles into larger clumps that make the soil more porous, allowing air, water and nutrients to penetrate the soil more easily. This also helps to encourage better root development, resulting in stronger, healthier plants. If your garden lays wet in spring, adding gypsum will help the water drain more efficiently and you'll be able to get in the garden sooner.

### How Gypsum Improves Your Lawn:

- It reduces soil compaction
- It helps air and water penetrate deeply into the soil
- It encourages root development and growth
- It improves the ability of grass to absorb essential nutrients
- It prepares the ground to receive seed
- It helps with seed development
- It helps repair pet spots in your lawn
- It benefits earthworms that naturally aerate the soil
- It spreads with any spreader

**NutraSoft Gypsum**  
40# bag

Application rates:  
New Lawns: 40-100 lbs. / 1000 sq. ft.  
Existing lawns: 25-40 lbs. /1000 sq. ft.  
Gardens: 10-20 lbs. / 100 sq. ft.



So why not add some Gypsum to your garden and lawn?? It's non-toxic and safe to use around people and pets. It works well throughout the yard or garden and can be applied to lawns, in vegetable or flower gardens, and around trees and shrubs. And it will do a world of good for your soil and your plants will reap the benefit.

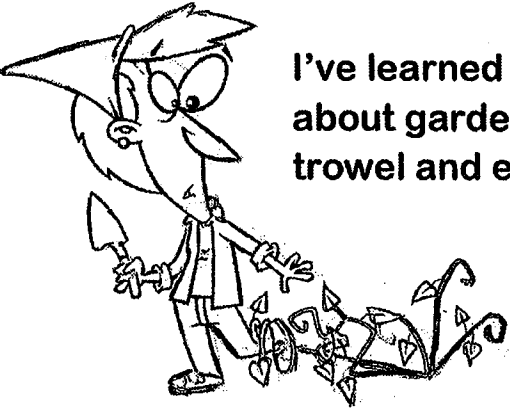
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## Garden To Do List

### October



#### Garden:

- Protect fall veggies from frost. Keep row covers, sheets or cold frames ready if frost is likely.
- Clean up & compost garden debris and leaves, but **NOT** diseased plants. Fall's a great time to start a pile.
- Harvest fall vegetables and herbs. Take in remaining green tomatoes for ripening indoors and freeze herbs.
- Dig up herbs to bring indoors or plant new ones for a windowsill herb garden for fresh herbs all winter.
- Keep up with weeds, as most continue to grow until ground freezes, and you'll have fewer next spring!

#### Perennials & Annuals

- Rake leaves and till them under, compost them or use as winter protection for tender plants and perennials.
- Plant spring blooming bulbs up until the ground freezes.
- Pot some for winter indoor forcing and chill them.
- Divide and replant summer and fall blooming perennials after they're done blooming. Plant new perennials!
- Dig up tender bulbs and store for winter.
- Cover mums and asters on nights when frost is expected in order to lengthen their blooming time.
- Leave some spent perennials in the garden for winter interest, provide protection, and food for bugs & birds.

#### Landscape

- **Fall is one of the best times to plant trees & shrubs!**
- Clean all fallen fruit from under fruit trees to avoid harboring disease and pests that emerge in spring.
- Protect roses for winter with rose collars and mulch.
- Winterize your pond and water features. Stop feeding fish when water temp. drops below 55°. Move hardy pond plants to the deepest part of the pond.
- Transplant shrubs or young trees **AFTER** frost.
- If rainfall is sparse, deeply water trees and shrubs, especially evergreens, before ground freezes.
- Fertilize young trees & shrubs that are at least 1 yr. old with slow release fertilizer spikes that we carry.
- Protect young tree trunks with protective wrap or spray repellent to prevent deer, rabbit and rodent nibbling.

#### Lawn

- Rake up and remove leaves on your lawn or over time they will form a dense mat that smothers grass.
- Apply a fall fertilizer to your lawn.

#### Miscellaneous

- Put Bonide 'Mouse Magic' mouse repellent packs in your campers, RV's, boats, etc. before storing for the winter to repel rodents. People & pet safe.

## FALL DECORATING SUPPLIES



- Fall Mums
- Pumpkins & Gourds
- Corn Shocks
- Straw Bales
- Fall Silks & Wreaths
- Fall & Halloween Garden Flags
- Grapevine Trees
- Brown cord lights



Since **FALL IS FOR PLANTING** - Check out our....

## Fall Planting SALE

starts October 8<sup>th</sup>

\* NOT ALL PLANTS are on SALE!! We get in new plants **ALL FALL** because our Landscape Crew keeps planting them until December.

### TREE SALE

All Potted Trees

**25-50% Off**

Specialty Marked  
B & B Trees

**25-50-75% Off**

Look for Red SALE Tags

Selected

Shrubs &

Evergreens

**25-50% Off**

Selected Perennials

**25-50% Off**

Spring Blooming Bulbs **10% Off**

Tulips, Daffodils, Crocus, Hyacinths & Allium

ALL SALES ON IN-STOCK ITEMS ONLY - NO ORDERS  
ALL ITEMS CASH & CARRY - NO RAIN CHECKS

Mark your  
calendar now  
for our....

Christmas  
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**HOUSE**

Nov. 14, 2020  
9 am - 4 pm



### Fall Planting Supplies

- Rose collars
- Spring blooming bulbs
- Bone meal
- Grass seed
- Evergreen winter-burn preventer
- Gypsum
- Compost & Manure
- Top Soil
- Bark mulches
- Peat moss

- Leaf rakes
- Fall lawn fertilizer
- Tree bark protectors
- Animal repellents
- Potting soil