



Linden Garden Club of Pinewild Horticultural Tips, September 2018

Hi Everyone,

The daytime is getting shorter and our plantings will be in need of winterizing. The good thing is that the days will start to be cooler and this is a great time to garden. You can get so much accomplished in the fall. Cleaning-up, planting, and just general enjoyment of the garden. Whatever you do - don't stop weeding and keep on a watering schedule. Last winter was cold and I think that if we hydrate our plantings well there will be less damage to them should we have another cold winter.

Lawns:

- Will be adding root growth.
- Apply fertilizer.
- Prepare lawn for seeding if you plan to have tall fescue or bluegrass.
- Over-seed warm season lawns with cool-season perennial rye grass or annual rye grass.
- Treat lawns for grubs.
- Seed with temperatures between 60 to 80 degrees.

Trees and Shrubs:

- Best time to plant; amend soil, dig a proper hole, and water well. Separate roots if they are root bound.
- Mulch plants with about 2" mulch.
- Good time to take cuttings.

Houseplants:

- If they have been vacationing outside for the summer, it is a good time to start: re-potting, clean them up, and prepare them to come indoors.
- Check for insects and critters.
- Trim off dead foliage and stems.
- ALL houseplants should be indoors by Oct. 15th or sooner. To be on the safe side, I would bring them in earlier than Oct. 15.

I thought with the changing season upon us that it might be interesting to think about color in our gardens. Our deciduous plantings will have the leaves change color, but keep in mind, that there are still plants that show-off their color at this time. Plants such as:

- Sedum 'Autumn Joy'
- Japanese forest grass - Aureola (Hakonechloa macra) - planted in mass it is striking.
- Sargent viburnum - Viburnum sargentii..
- Limelight panicle hydranges (Hydrangea paniculata 'Limelight').
- Japanese pieris - Pieris japonica
- Hamelin 'fountain grass - Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Hamelin'
- Bronze sedge - Carex coman 'Bronze'.
- Muhly grass
- Red and yellow twig dogwood - red and yellow branches - red twig in our Pinewild garden
- Red bark maple - trunk and branches turn red for the winter.
- Edgeworthia - clusters of white bell shaped flowers - in our Pinewild garden
- Mums - in many colors
- Camellia 'Sho-no-saki

...and many more!

Enjoy the garden and please contact me if there are any questions.

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