

Hi Everyone,

Fall brings us such beautiful color in the garden and many flowers such as: camellias, salvia, roses, oxmanthus fragrans, and viburnum are still blooming. Beautiful yes, but still so much work to do. By now all of your houseplants are indoors; you have started or are finished mulching; and your perennials are ready to be cut down. This is the best time to garden - no heat and no mosquitoes to bother you. The garden is still such a joy!

Lawn:

- Warm season grasses are going dormant; do not fertilize.
- Tall fescue, blue grass, and rye can be fertilized before Thanksgiving.
- Keep raking newly planted lawns.

Prune:

- Do not prune spring flowering plants.
- Prune-out only dead or diseased branches.

Houseplants:

- They should all be inside, cleaned-up. and re-potted if necessary.

All bulbs should be planted during November.

Mulch all planting with 2 to 3 inches of compost.

Add potash (0-0-22) to all plantings for root growth.

Planting:

- This is the best time to plant new shrubs or trees.
- Remember to water in well until cool weather sets-in.
- Follow prior guidelines that I have written about and your newly planted plants will do very well.

Rethinking colors for Fall:

We have the beautiful changing foliage for a trees, but also consider the blues, purples, and ambers. Remember that form and texture is very important along with color to make an interesting palette, which can be created with flowers. A fall garden can be just as lovely as the summer and spring.

NOTE: *Important to remember that at this time of year the colder temps bring out the red ants. Be sure to know where the mounds are and apply either **Andro** or **Come and Get It** around the mound. Do not apply the pellets into the hole, but place the pellets several inches away from the hole, so that the ants will not spread-out. **Andro** and **Come and Get It** should be watered into the soil and then it is safe for your pets to be around. Good luck and be careful.*

There will be no horticultural notes for December and January; however, if there are any questions - do not hesitate to contact me. I shall be out-of reach in January, but will get back to you asap upon my return home.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

Enjoy!

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