

November Gardening Tips

Winter Pop!

*Think about planting now for winter blooming Crocus, Snowdrop (Galanthus), Aconite (Eranthus) or Scilla sibirica for a winter pop of color. To keep voles, squirrels or raccoons from eating bulbs, plant bulbs with gravel around them or plant in small plastic baskets.

Continue Lawn Care

- *Keep leaves off lawn, a leaf blower causes less damage than a rake.
 - *A leaf mulcher makes excellent mulch instead of bagging.
- *Apply your 2nd or 3rd application of grass fertilizer late in the month.

Grass won't grow?

- *High temperatures, humidity, too much sun, too much shade, too many roots?
- *Ground covers can be used not only to cover bare areas, but also to prevent soil erosion. Make sure you pick the proper plant for a specific area and sometimes defined edges are necessary to control spreading.
 - *Try Creeping Juniper, Hosta, Phlox subulata, English Ivy, Japanese spurge, Rose moss, Periwinkle, Ajuga, Liriope or Mondo grass.

Clean up Time

- *Cut back all perennials & annuals.
 - *Prune Roses down to about 2 feet high now when they lose their leaves.
- *Prune the center of Boxwood bushes so they are not too compact or accumulate dead branches. Light & air need to reach the center or they can become weak, grow fungus or die. Water well, mulch and they are ready for winter.

Geraniums

- *Before heavy freeze, dig them up, shake off all dirt from roots. Then hang them, 1/per large paper bag, upside down in attic or garage. In spring, take down, cut dry foliage back 8 – 10", replant & water. Usually they will grow fast and bigger & better than the prior season!!

General Maintenance

- *Before the 1st frost, take inside fragile plants.
 - *Put out slug & snail bait.
- *Clean gutters that are clogged with leaves and twigs.
 - *Neatly saw off stubs from limbs broken by storms.
- *Drain and/or put away garden hoses before 1st freeze.