

Post Rock Answers

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Fall Gardening Calendar

Summer seemed to fly by. Fall is just around the corner, soon kids will be starting school and football season will be here. Fall is a busy time for most of us, but getting outside and doing a little yard work can be relaxing and fun. Use this helpful checklist to have a successful transition from summer to fall in your landscape.

Vegetables and Fruits

- Water about 1 inch per week
- Plant a fall garden- beets, carrots, beans, and turnips for autumn harvest
- Plant transplants of broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage for fall production
- Ease fruit loads on branches by propping with wooden supports
- Net ripening fruit to protect from hungry birds
- Fertilize strawberry bed for added flower bud development
- Turn compost pile and add water when dry

Flowers

- Apply 1 to 1 ½ inches of water per week to gardens
- Divide irises and daylilies during this dormant period
- Make last application of fertilizer to roses by mid-August
- Control black spot and other rose diseases
- Fertilize mums, hardy asters, and other fall blooming perennials
- Deadhead annuals to encourage late season blossoms
- Cut back and fertilize annuals to produce new growth and fall blooms
- Sow hollyhocks, poppies, and larkspur for spring blooms
- Prepare for fall bulb planting by making orders or researching varieties

Lawns

- Water bluegrass one to two times, per week, applying a total of about 1 ½ inches of water
- Water tall fescue one to two times, per week, applying a total of 1 inch of water
- Apply last application of fertilizer to zoysia grass by mid-August
- Be on the lookout for grubs and apply proper control methods
- Start planning for fall renovation projects such as aerating and seeding
- Mow turf as needed depending on summer growth
- Plant or sod new bluegrass or tall fescue lawns in September
- Fertilize cool season grasses with high nitrogen sources of fertilizer mid-September

Trees and Shrubs

- Water young trees every 1 to 2 weeks by thoroughly soaking the root system
- Prune and shape hedges
- Check mulch layers and add if needed
- Prune broken, dead or crossing limbs for healthier plants
- Check young trees and shrubs for girdling wires, and ropes from planting
- Avoid fertilizing ornamentals now so they harden off before winter

K-State Research and Extension has a variety of resources for all your gardening and landscaping needs this fall. Stop by or give us a call with your questions.

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