



Gardening Tips – October

Continue to collect seeds from your favorite plants for next year.

Remember to continue to water to supplement rainfall.

Still time to plant those cool season plants – pansies, kale, ornamental cabbage, etc.

Cool-season grasses can be seeded in shady areas until mid-October.

Start fertilizing cool-season grasses in mid-October.

Deciduous trees do best when planted in the fall.

Mow leaves and use as mulch.

Mow warm-season grasses for the last time before frost and clean up lawn for winter.

Start removing dead or diseased plants from garden to avoid overwintering diseases and insects.

Begin harvesting vegetables from the fall garden.

Dig up tender bulbs, like dahlias and caladium. Clean dirt and debris off bulbs and store in cool, dry location.

Fescue and other cool-season grasses will need to be mowed during fall and winter at a mower height of 2 ½ inches.

Don't forget the birds during the winter. Clean bird feeders and buy bird seed for use during late fall and winter.

Review your successes and failures in your garden for preparation of a plan for next year's garden.

Do not prune roses after mid-October.

Plant spinach, lettuce and other cool-season crops in cold-frames to harvest during the winter.