



## Gardening Tips – September

Continue to water, 1-2 inches per week, if rainfall is not sufficient.

Fertilize warm-season grasses for the last time, no later than September 15 using 1 lb. nitrogen per 1000 sq. ft.

Continue to divide spring blooming perennials and iris during this month, if needed.

Begin to collect seeds for use next year or to share with friends. Be sure to clean all debris from seeds and let them dry before storing in envelopes in refrigerator or cool, dry place.

Raking leaves is always a chore in the fall. Try mowing over the leaves with a mulching mower and then use the leaves for winter mulch in the garden.

Plant cool-season plants – pansies, mums, ornamental cabbage and kale, etc.

Seed cool-season grasses in shady areas in mid-September through mid-October.

Onion, garlic and leek seeds/plants/cloves can be planted for harvest next year in early summer. Spinach seed may also be planted.