

September

- Consider planting [cover crops](#) to provide "green manure" to the garden
- [Click here](#) if you are interested in saving seeds
- Learn about how and when to harvest [watermelon](#) and [cantaloupe](#)
- For storing [potatoes](#), harvest the tubers once the vines have died down
- Harvest [garlic](#) and [onions](#) once the tops have dried down. Allow them to cure (dry) for 2-3 weeks before storing
- Store potatoes, garlic and onions in a cool/dry location (32-40°F) away from apples
- Fall is the perfect time of year for [planting trees](#) and shrubs
- Go hiking in the hills to enjoy [autumn colors](#)
- Divide crowded, spring-blooming perennials
- Consider [composting](#) fall leaves
- Start checking pears for ripeness once the fruit twists easily off the tree and seeds are dark colored, allowing them to finish ripening off the tree
- Early in September, apply a slow-release [lawn fertilizer](#) to provide a long lasting affect throughout the fall months
- As temperatures cool, turfgrass requires minimal irrigation each week. [Click here](#) for irrigation needs in your area
- Plant [new lawns or repair](#) insect/diseased areas with grass seed, allowing 4-6 weeks for establishment before heavy frosts
- In compacted sites, aerate with hollow core aerator when [turfgrass](#) is actively growing (September - October)

Pests and Problems:

- To control Raspberry crown borer, use a root drench during late summer-early fall. [Click here for more information](#)
- Learn about what causes Bitter pit and other [problems in apples](#)
- Control rust mites in apple and pear trees after harvest fruit and before leaf drop. [Click here](#) for more information
- Box elder bugs congregate on the sunny surfaces during the fall months. [Click here](#) to learn more about how to control these nuisance pests
- Monitor for damaging [turfgrass insects](#)

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