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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