

GETTING YOUR GARDEN READY FOR WINTER

- START IN OCTOBER
- PROVIDE HABITAT FOR OVERWINTERING INSECTS AND BIRDS
 - BEES WILL BURROW INTO HOLLOW STALKS AND UNCOVERED PATCHES OF EARTH
 - BENEFICIAL INSECTS (EG LADYBUGS) WILL OVERWINTER UNDER LEAVES PLANTS AND ROCKS
 - BIRDS WILL EAT SEED HEADS AND OVER WINTERING INSECTS
- ANNUALS
 - REMOVE AND COMPOST ANNUALS AFTER FIRST FROST – DO NOT COMPOST IF DISEASED
 - CUT OFF TOPS AND LEAVE ROOTS IN SOIL TO PROVIDE NUTRIENTS
 - LIFT TENDER BULBS SUCH AS CALLAS, COLOCASIA, DAHLIAS, GLADIOLI, TUBEROUS BEGONIAS AFTER TWO HARD FROSTS. WASH DOWN AND DRY, THEN STORE IN A COOL, DRY PLACE IN PEAT MOSS
 - HARVEST GARLIC AND ONIONS – HANG IN A COOL, DRY PLACE FOR TWO WEEKS BEFORE STORING
 - GREEN TOMATOES CAN BE WRAPPED IN NEWSPAPER TO RIPEN SLOWLY
- SQUIRREL PROOFING BULBS
 - OVERLAP HARD SURFACE OR CHICKEN WIRE UNTIL GROUND IS FROZEN
 - PLANT BULBS THEY DON'T LIKE – CROCUS, ALLIUM, NARCISSUS, SPEICES TULIPS
 - USE ACTI-SOL HEN MANURE TO REPEL WITH SCENT
- DON'T CUT BACK SUB-SHRUBS SUCH AS LAVENDER, RUSSIAN SAGE, CARYOPTERIS, THYME, OREGANO, SALVIA, SAGE
- DO CUT BACK LILIES, PEONIES, HOSTA, DAYLILY
- WATER, WATER, WATER UNTIL GROUND FREEZES, THEN MULCH
- MULCHES – SHREDDED LEAVES, AGED SAWDUST, CONIFER BRANCHES, WOOD CHIPS
- LOOSELY BURLAP TENDER SHRUBS AND RHODODENDRONS TO PROTECT FROM WINTER SUN
- WRAP YOUNG TREE TRUNKS TO PROTECT FROM RODENT DAMAGE
- RAKE LEAVES OFF LAWN AND COMPOST
- ORNAMENTAL GRASSES
 - COOL SEASON – FESCUES, OAT GRASS, MOOR GRASS, KARL FOERSTER
 - CUT BACK IN EARLY SPRING, CULL OUT BROWN FOLIAGE ON EVERGREENS SUCH AS FESCUES
 - WARM SEASON – NORTHERN SEA OATS, SILVER GRASSES, FOUNTAIN AND SWITCH GRASSES – CUT BACK IN LATE SPRING OR FALL
- ROSES

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- – HYBRID TEAS, FLORIBUNDAS, GRANDIFLORAS – CUT BACK TO 18”, HILL UP
- MINIATURES – HILL UP
- STANDARDS – BURY OR TREAT AS AN ANNUAL
- SHRUB ROSES – CUT BACK TO 2”
- RUGOSAS – REMOVE DAMAGED MATERIAL ONLY
- CLIMBERS – CUT LATERAL BRANCHES BACK TO 6” FROM MAIN STEM
- SECURE STEMS AGAINST WINTER WIND

- TURF GRASS
 - RESEED IN EARLY SEPTEMBER
 - MOW UNTIL FROST
 - TOP DRESS WITH COMPOST OR LIGHT TRIPLE MIX

- GENERAL
 - STORE FURNITURE AND HANGING BASKETS
 - STORE CLAY AND CERAMIC POTS UPSIDE DOWN IN SHED OR GARAGE
 - DRAIN HOSES AND TURN OFF WATER
 - CLEAN, SHARPEN AND OIL GARDEN TOOLS BEFORE STORING