

# FALL GARDENING CHORES

## GENERAL CLEAN-UP

RAKE UP LEAVES & BRANCHES. COMPOST IF POSSIBLE  
DEADHEAD PERENNIALS  
CLEAN UP & REMOVE VEGETABLES & ANNUALS.  
PICK-UP FRUIT FROM FRUIT TREES  
COVER PATIO FURNITURE OR STORE INSIDE. GOOD TIME TO OIL WOOD.  
STORE PLANTERS TO PROTECT FROM FREEZING  
MULCH TENDER PLANTS (ROSES, PERENNIALS)  
GOOD TIME TO ADD AMEND WITH ORGANIC MATERIAL

## LAWN CARE

FERTILIZE WITH WINTERIZER TYPES.  
AERATION  
THATCH IF NECESSARY  
APPLY SOIL ACTIVATOR  
RESEED THIN OR BARE SPOTS  
RAISE MOWER HEIGHT TO MIN OF 2 ½ INCHES. MOW UNTIL COMPLETELY DORMANT

## PLANTING

BEST TIME OF THE YEAR TO PLANT TREES, SHRUBS & PERENNIALS.  
PLANT BULBS FOR SPRING BLOOMS (TULIPS, DAFFODILS, CROCUS etc.)  
PLANT ONIONS & GARLIC  
DIVIDE & REPLANT PERENNIALS (DAISIES, DAYLILIES, IRIS,)  
DIG UP FOR STORAGE INDOORS DAHLIA, GLADIOLUS, CANNAS etc

## PRUNING

PRUNE WITH SHARP TOOLS ANY DEAD, DISEASED, DAMAGED OR CROSS BRANCHING LIMBS.  
WAIT TILL MID WINTER OR EARLY SPRING FOR MORE AGGRESSIVE PRUNING.  
DEAD HEAD HERBACEOUS PLANTS. REMOVE STEMS & LEAVES

## TOOLS

DRAIN FUEL, OIL SPARKS PLUG, SHARPEN BLADES AND CLEAN OFF ANY DEBRIS  
GOOD TIME TO HAVE MOWERS SERVICED

## PESTS

ANY PLANTS THAT HAD PROBLEM LAST SUMMER, CLEAN UP LEAVES AND DISPOSE OF.  
WRAP PLANTS THAT ARE FAVORED BY RODENTS  
POISON BAIT MOST EFFECTIVE. FOLLOW DIRECTIONS  
APPLY LIQUID FENCE TO PROTECT PLANTS  
STORE PESTICIDES IN SIDE AWAY FROM FREEZING, SUNLIGHT AND MOISTURE.