

## Fall Gardening Guide

Plumbago: Trim in September for more compact growth and blooms through November.

Perennials: Plant salvias for fantastic fall bloomers that feed hummingbirds.

Grasses: Observe fall displays of blooms and plumes to choose your favorite to plant.

Daylilies, Agapanthus, Iris & Yarrow: Divide large clumps & replant 1' apart in drifts. Share these friendship plants with neighbors.

Antique roses: Mulch with compost, stand back and watch them perform. Cut off old blooms to just above the first 5-leaf cluster.

Coreopsis and Louisiana iris: Divide these spring-blooming perennials and re-plant in drifts.

Herbs: Tuck parsley, Mexican mint marigold and sage into flower pots. Harvest basil and cilantro. Put dill and fennel in a sunny garden with lots of room.

Coleus: Pinch back overgrown plants by half in September for fall re-growth.

## Container Combos

- Red geraniums, white alyssum, blue lobelia, and ivy
- Tangerine zinnias and "Blackie" sweet potato vine with decorative gourds
- Dusty miller, lavender violas, petunias, and kale
- Purple fountain grass, orange zinnias, yellow calendula, and sweet potato vine

Bulbs: Plant narcissus by Halloween, daffodils and crocus on Thanksgiving, tulips on New Year's Day.

Wildflowers: Scatter seeds in bare spots or bed spaces from October to early December.

Lantana, Penta and Cuphea: Cut back by 1/3 in August or September for shapely fall growth.

Coneflower, Black-eyed Susan, and Penstemon: Trim off old bloom stalks or leave seed heads for the birds this winter.

Ferns: Feed with seaweed and fish emulsion to green up after summer's heat.

Pansies: Plant between Halloween and Thanksgiving in sunny spots. Float pansy flowers in water-filled crystal bowls next Easter!

## Cool Weather Color for Your Garden

Low growers: Verbena, alyssum, petunias, pansies, dianthus, cyclamen, stock and kale.

Mid-level growers: Salvia coccinea, Salvia leucantha, Salvia greggi, Copper Canyon daisy, trailing lantana and snapdragons

Shrub/small tree height: Arrowwood viburnum, American beautyberry, strawberry bush, Hamelia patens, Cassia corymbosa, Tecoma stans, Japanese maple tree, Yaupon and Possumhaw holly tree.