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In your garden

Fall is a great time to plant trees, shrubs, bulbs, perennials, grass seed and sod. Plants that are planted in the fall enjoy cooler temperatures and ideal growing conditions that allow roots ample time to grow into the surrounding soil.

Plants and trees that provide color in the month of November include: camellia, nandina, pyracantha, red twig dogwood, birches, coral bark maple; Harry Lauder's walking stick and ornamental grasses. All provide wonderful interest at this time of year.

Spring blooming fall bulbs are in stock at your local nursery. Plant iris, tulips, crocus, daffodils and many others for glorious spring color.

Do not prune azaleas, rhododendrons and other spring flowering shrubs because they have already set their buds for next year's blooms. If you feel these shrubs do need to be pruned, however, you can prune them now, but you will sacrifice next spring flowers.

Time to feed your plants with a good quality slow release plant food.

Time to transplant peonies or divide them if you wish to multiply your plants. Also, time to divide and transplant any of your perennials if necessary.

Lawns

November is a great time to fertilize your lawn.

You can still overseed established lawns in November, but in all likelihood the seed will germinate next Spring.

November is a great time to lime the lawn if needed to raise the pH level of the soil. You can lime, fertilize and seed your lawn all in the same day.

Now is also a good time to control weeds growing in the lawn, however you cannot weed kill and seed the same day.

Fruit and Vegetable Gardens

Remove all old vines of beans, squash, etc. to the compost pile and then spade or till the garden. Sow winter rye and do not mow it.

You can apply a dormant spray on fruit trees in November, but make sure the temperature is above freezing at the time of application.

Water Gardens

Cover the pool with pond netting to keep leaves from falling into the pond.

Remove all dead foliage off all plants and set on the bottom of the pool.

Houseplants

Time to re-pot root bound houseplants to a larger pot.

Fertilize your houseplants through November, and then slow down your feeding until February.

All tropical plants should be back indoors by now.

Enjoy the Harvest,

Happy Thanksgiving!

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