

Gardener's Corner
November 2024

Cooler weather is setting in and winter is on the horizon. The much-needed rain, although more than necessary in such a short period of time, will help establish any trees and shrubs that have been newly planted this fall.

What are some of the tips and tasks from the **Missouri Botanical Garden** this month? They remind us to water trees and shrubs until the ground freezes. After a heavy frost, winterize your roses by putting a 6-10 inch layer of mulch over them. You can still plant trees and shrubs, but remember to remove any wires, ropes and any non-biodegradable materials before filling in the hole with dirt.

If perennials are frost damaged, remove their spent flowers and foliage. Remove foliage from hostas, daylilies and irises. Dispose of any plant material with fungus on its foliage. Plant tulips until the ground freezes. And, put mulch on spring bulb beds when ground freezes.

Two ways to help clean up leaves. You can use them as mulch in your garden beds or mow the leaves to break them into small pieces. Either way, they will help to fertilize those areas

Ever heard of lasagna planting? This article entitled *Planting Flower Bulbs in Layers* from **FlowerBulb.eu** explains how to do it. Since it concentrates on bulbs, it is a perfect time of year to use this method when you are these particular types of flowers. You can find the information here: https://flowerbulb.eu/planting-flower-bulbs-in-layers/?utm_source=gd-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Lasagna-Planting-Bulbs-10-17-24

While we're on the subject of bulbs, **Garden Design** has an article about various ones to plant, entitled *20 Spring-flowering Bulbs to Grow*. This source gives a variety of information on how to make certain you are successful in growing these spring beauties including light requirement, height, bloom time, and USDA hardiness zone. You can find the article here: https://www.gardendesign.com/bulbs/spring.html?utm_source=article-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Spring-Bulbs-ICYMI-10-17-24

You may be a bit behind the curve if you haven't brought your indoor plants inside. If so, however, here is some information that might be helpful to you. The article from **Garden Design** entitled *How to Bring Plants Inside* can be found at: https://www.gardendesign.com/how-to/bring-outdoor-plants-inside.html?utm_source=article-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Bring-Plants-Indoors-10-17-24#google_vignette

Virtual programs of interest in October are the following:

November 6: 6 pm. – 7:00 p.m. *How to Grow and Use Yarrow*. From the **University of Illinois Extension**. Register at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2024-11-06-yarrow-how-grow-and-use>

November 11: 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. *Create Winter Terrariums*, presented by the **University of Illinois Extension's** Four Seasons Gardening program. You can register here: <https://registration.extension.illinois.edu/start/four-seasons-gardening-webinar-winter-terrariums-nov-12>

