

Gardening Article

Working in the garden is beginning to feel better now that the hot days of summer are coming to an end. It's time to start rejuvenating those fescue lawns, plant winter vegetables, and divide perennials.

Start reviving your lawns by applying a regular lawn fertilizer. You can decrease the number of winter weeds in your lawn by applying a pre-emergent herbicide early this month. If the heat breaks, overseeding may be done (for proper overseeding techniques visit us on the web). However, if you plan to overseed and apply a pre-emergent make sure and read the herbicide's label because failure to wait the recommended time may prevent the germination of your grass seed. Don't forget to reduce the irrigation timer as heat begins to break.

Perennials and shrubs planted this month will grow roots before winter and be ready to take off next spring. Containers may need replanted with late summer annuals like salvia and zinnia. Perennials may be divided by lifting and loosening clumps then dividing into sections, removing any dead parts. Plants to start from seed this month include: foxglove, candytuft, columbine, coral-bells, dianthus, alyssum, calendula, forget-me-not, and ornamental kale.

It's time to change to cool-season veggies, but don't pull out the summer vegetables too soon. It's time to plant beets, carrots, lettuce, radishes, snow peas, and spinach from seed and seedlings of artichokes, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, and strawberries.

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