

Gardening Article

Autumn chores should be dwindling down. Don't wait to finish these chores, for one knows how busy he will be during the holiday season. Gardening is usually the last thing on our mind during this time.

There are several chores to complete before the rush. Compost the fallen leaves by raking them into piles then mowing over them to reduce their volume. Afterwards, add them to the compost pile, bury in vegetable gardens, spread in flowerbeds, or store in dark garbage bags. Leaves break down in no time to make a great enrichment for garden soil. Slightly prune top-heavy trees making thinning cuts rather than topping to reduce wind resistance before any more winter storms arrive. Evergreen shrubs should not be pruned yet, for they won't re-sprout until next spring unless we encounter some warm winter days. Remove winter weeds while they are still young before new seeds form. Look out for snails, slugs, caterpillars, aphids, leafhoppers, and whiteflies.

For color plant cold-season annuals such as calendulas, Iceland poppies, fairy primroses, pansies, snapdragons, and violas. Try mass planting of tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils for a beautiful spring bloom. Go ahead and sow vegetable seeds like chard, peas, radishes, and spinach.

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