

September in the garden...

1. Stop pruning and fertilizing.
2. Start fall clean-up in the flower beds, cutting back anything that has finished blooming or is diseased.
3. Plant spring flowering bulbs this month and next.
4. Harvest remaining vegetables, including green tomatoes. Remove and discard debris (stems, stalks, faded leaves). These can become a haven for pests such as cucumber beetle and squash bugs!
5. Plant trees, shrubs and perennials. When planted in fall, new plants avoid stressful summer heat and have time to form root systems before the winter freeze. Keep well watered, if there isn't sufficient rain.
6. Divide overgrown perennials such as garden phlox, bee balm, yarrow and daylilies.
7. Dispose of any diseased or infested plant debris, to avoid overwintering the problem.
8. Start lawn fertilization program this month. This is also the best time of year for sowing new grass seed.

