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Enjoy the Harvest

This autumn Joe's Greenhouse has a few hints for making the most of your fall landscape and preparing for spring.

Plant Bulbs, Pansies, and Mums

If you haven't recently experienced the variety of bulbs to choose from, come stop by Joe's Greenhouse. Fabulous yellow 'Dutch Master' daffodils, Orange "Gypsy Queen" hyacinth, striped "Pickwick" crocus, and startling deep purple "Havran" tulips are just a few of the magnificent color, shape, and style options. Gearing up for a gorgeous spring starts by planting bulbs now to bring your garden areas to vivid life early next spring. One trick for continuous blooms is to plant bulbs with different blooming seasons (early, mid, and late spring) and enjoy the transition from one burst of color to the next.

If you are a Joe's Greenhouse newsletter reader, you know we often talk about pansies in the spring. But

these cold-hardy blooms are also the perfect fall conversation piece. Planting pansies now gives fall flowerbeds pop and interest, and adds eye-catching color to the early-spring and late winter gray. Through the winter, pansies often peek bright spring colors out of snow. Our garden mums also provide rich color as a showy solution to fading summer flowerbeds. Not only do blossoms cover these hardy fall favorites, they give texture and depth to a flowerbed each season with their attractive foliage.

Trees and Shrubs

Thinking of amping up your landscape this year with shrubs and trees? Don't wait. Autumn's cool weather reduces the risk of transplant shock, and trees have a chance to get established in their new home before the big rush of spring growth. Cooler (Continued on next page.)



Top left: 'Golden Delicious' Apple Top Right : 'Dutch Master' Daffodil bulbs Bottom Right: 'Delta Orange with Blotch' Pansy

Fall Gardening Checklist

- Plant Bulbs, mums, and pansies
- Trees and Shrubs
- Clean up perennials and gardens after frost
- Winterize your lawn
- Don't forget the Perennials
- Enjoy your harvest!

temperatures may also make it easier to keep your new tree watered while it is transitioning.

Don't Forget Perennials

Perennials are another great way to spice up your fall landscape. Think fall blooms or foliage in striking varieties like 'Jack Frost' Brunnera, sedum, plumbago, and heuchera. Daylilies, one of my favorites for standout blossoms and graceful grass-like leaves, often begin blooming in mid-June and some (like the aptly named "Happy Returns" pictured on the next page) have repeat blooms into the fall. Add in spring and summer blooming perennials for texture now and color later.

Clean Up Perennials and Gardens

The best time to clean up most perennials is after the first frost. Waiting to cut back perennials allows them to gather nutrients and come back even bigger and bolder next year. That means fall is not only the time of year for general yard clean-up (think leaves, harvested gardens, etc.), but is also the right time to tackle cleaning out and trimming back perennials.

Winterize Your Lawn

Get your lawn in condition to withstand the hazards of a cold winter. We recommend using Fertilome® Winterizer. It builds strong root systems throughout the fall and winter for a healthy, vigorous lawn all year. Your lawn will thank you with lush grass next spring.

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My two-year old loves pumpkins. She loves the ones on our porch, the ones at the library, the hay ride, and the grocery store. Every time we walk past Grandpa's garden she pats the pumpkins and tries to carry one home. Mary loves to dig potatoes and pick tomatoes, and often stops me to smell the flowers—weeds and otherwise. Mary has mastered the most important item on any fall gardening checklist. She enjoys the harvest. Whether it is a simple patio plant or extensive flower and vegetable garden, we find satisfaction in our gardening efforts of the year by taking pleasure in the evidence --sights, fragrance, and produce--of a mature and successful growing season.

Gear up with Grasses

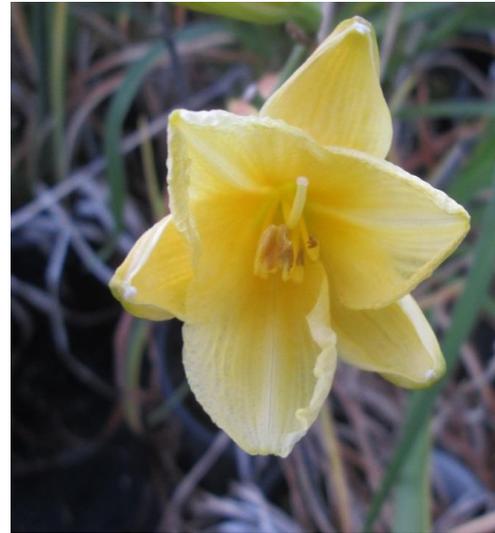
Autumn is a great time of year to introduce that bit of oomph to your landscape. Ornamental grasses add a powerful punch of height and contrast to almost any type of landscaping area. Grasses elegantly soften shrub areas or create depth in annual flowerbeds. Ornamental grasses can change decorative pots from so-so to stunning, and their distinct blades and shape also allow grasses to mix well with other perennials. Many grasses are at their prime in the cool of autumn, and almost all transplant well this time of year. Some grasses, like Northern Sea Oat Grass, are particularly prized for their unique foliage and drooping seeds. The seed heads change from green to gold, make them especially beautiful in the fall and are excellent for cut flower arrangements.



Panicum 'Cheyenne Sky' turns a beautiful red, and, along with Pennisetum 'Burgundy Bunny', is an especially good variety for adding subtle fall color to gardens, while colorful grasses like 'Elijah Blue' Fescue and Miscanthus 'Little Zebra' give interesting contrast through spring, summer, and fall.



Left: Northern sea oat grass, Top Right: 'Little Zebra' (Courtesy of Walters Gardens Inc.) Bottom Right: 'Burgundy Bunny' (Courtesy of Walters Gardens Inc.)



Raspberry Cane Borer

What is it and how do I treat it?

Signs and Symptoms:

If you go to utahpests.usu.edu and search "What's Eating Your Raspberries, Besides You?" you will find a really good fact sheet on raspberry pests. In short, if you see any wilting of top canes in early summer, you may have cane borer (usually caused by raspberry horntail), and if the crown is dying you may have crown borer. If you suspect cane borer, you can cut open the cane to see the larva nestled inside if you go down below the wilting part. Sometimes overwatering in our heavy soils can also cause yellowing symptoms in raspberry. So be careful with that.

How Do I Treat It?

The best treatment, once you see symptoms, is to prune out affected canes and get rid of them. As Diane Alston, state extension entomologist says, "Prune, prune, prune!" Along with pruning out wilted canes in summer, an insect spray of permethrin, carbaryl, or malathion when new growth begins in spring will be effective control. A drench of any of these products now in October can help control crown borer if you have that as well.

If you have any other questions, come visit Joe's Greenhouse or email us at anna@joesgreenhouse.com

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Top Left Moving down: 'Coral Bells' Heuchera, 'Happy Returns' Daylily, Plumbago, Garden Mums Bottom Right: Garden Mums



'Tiger Eyes' Sumac

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