

November Garden Calendar

Local Horticulture Happenings:

Take un-needed pesticides to Riley County Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Waste site at 6245 Tuttle Creek Blvd., 539-3202

Participate in Poinsettia observation trail in greenhouses in Throckmorton Hall, 532-6170.

Vegetables and Fruits

- Sort apples in storage and remove spoiled fruit
- Clean and remove fallen fruit from around trees to reduce insects and disease next year.
- Protect trunks of fruit trees from rabbit damage with tree wraps.
- Take a soil test and make needed adjustments this fall.
- Till garden soil and add organic matter.

Flowers

- Clean up the rose bed to help reduce disease next season. Cut back tall rose canes to 24 inches to prevent winter breakage.
- Remove frost – killed annuals.
- Till annual flower beds and add organic matter to improve soil.
- Continue to plant spring flowering bulbs.
- Depending on your gardening style, leave or cut back perennial stalks to 4 to 6 inches.
- Apply a winter mulch to perennials and roses after several hard freezes.

Lawns

- Rake or mow over leaves from the lawn to prevent winter suffocation.
- Fertilize cool season lawns, bluegrass and tall fescue, with a quick-release high-nitrogen fertilizer to promote root development and early spring green up.
- If needed, water turf so it starts winter with ample moisture.
- Control dandelions, henbit, and chickweed before spring green up.
- Continue to mow into the fall at 2 to 3 inches.

Trees and Shrubs

- Water newly planted trees and shrubs.
- Plant new trees and shrubs.
- Rake leaves and place in compost pile.
- Check mulch layers and replenish.
- Prune dead or hazardous limbs.
- Wait to prune spring flowering trees and shrubs until after bloom.

Miscellaneous

- Clean and oil garden tools, sprayers, and other equipment. Store them for winter.
- Drain garden hoses and sprinklers and store indoors for increased life. If you decide to leave them outside, unscrew them from the faucets.
- If fuel is to remain in power equipment, add fuel stabilizer. Otherwise, drain gas from power equipment for winter storage. Make any needed repairs.
- Protect ornamental and fruit trees and young plants from rabbit damage by wrapping or enclosing in wire screen.
- Start a compost pile with fall leaves.
- Turn compost pile to hasten breakdown.
- Start planning for next year.
- Winterize sprinkle systems.
- Move hardy water plants to deepest part of pond to protect from ice.

Additional resources for the month:

Weed Control in Home Lawns MF2385

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