November Garden Calendar

**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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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.