

FALL CHECKLIST



BRING GARDENING SEASON TO A CLOSE WITH THESE FALL TASKS:

- Apply Wilt Pruf®** (around Thanksgiving) to broadleaf evergreens to protect them from browning and harsh winter damage.
- Resist the urge to cut back your roses**—save this task for next spring. Other plants to avoid cutting back in fall are butterfly bushes, geum, grasses, evergreens, boxwoods, Russian sage, lavender and blue mist shrub.
- Don't cut back your hydrangeas!** Wait until spring to prune *paniculata* varieties.
- Plant spring-blooming bulbs** such as daffodils, tulips, hyacinth, grape hyacinth, crocus, snow drops and allium now to enjoy a colorful spring next year.
- Deter deer** from grazing your garden this winter by combining liquid and granular repellents. Apply the granular repellent every month (even over snow).
- Deter moles and voles** by applying **I Must Garden Mole and Vole Repellent®** (before the first snowfall) to stop those pesky critters from eating plant stems and roots.
- Fertilize trees, shrubs, perennials, roses and fruit trees** (with half dose) now to give them a jump start in spring.
- Set your lawn up for success** and help it recover from summer stress by applying lime and a fall fertilizer.
- Prep your veggie garden** for winter by cleaning out debris and adding lime to create sweet soil. Put it to bed with a cover crop such as clover or winter rye.
- Protect next year's fruit** on trees by applying dormant oil (once the leaves have fallen).
- Seed your lawn!** Warm soil and cool nights make for lush lawns. Over-seed bare patches now to prevent weeds next year.
- Bring your houseplants inside** (especially as the nights go below 50°). Keep bugs at bay with neem oil or horticultural oil.
Pro tip: apply **Bayer Advanced 2-In-1 Systemic Rose & Flower Care** every two months.
- Water always wins.** Empty pots and containers and store them upside down to avoid freezing and cracking throughout the cold, damp winter months.

TIP: Fall is fantastic for planting! The soil is warm and the nights are cool. Once it becomes difficult to dig your shovel in the ground, hold off until spring.

