



# FALL CHECKLIST

- ❑ **Apply Wilt Pruf®** around Thanksgiving to broadleaf evergreens to protect them from winter damage and browning. *Reapply after the New Year!*
- ❑ **Resist the urge to prune roses and hydrangeas!** Save this task for next spring. *Other plants to avoid cutting back in fall include butterfly bushes, geum, grasses, evergreens, boxwoods, russian sage, lavender, and blue mist shrub.*
- ❑ **Plant spring-blooming bulbs** such as daffodils, tulips, crocus, snow drops and allium now to enjoy a colorful spring next year. *Purchase extra bulbs in fall for forcing in pots for early spring color indoors!*
- ❑ **Deter pests** grazing your garden this winter by combining liquid and granular repellents.
  - **Deer:** Use **Liquid Fence Deer & Rabbit Repellent** and **Messina's Animal Stopper**
  - **Moles and voles:** Apply **I Must Garden Mole and Vole Repellent®** before the first snowfall
- ❑ **Fertilize trees, shrubs, perennials, roses and fruit trees** (with half dose) now to give them a good start in spring. Also, give a dose of JumpStart to help stress caused by summer drought.
- ❑ **Set your lawn up for success!** Warm soil and cool nights are also great for seeding.
  - Apply lime
  - Use a fall fertilizer
  - Overseed bare patches to prevent weeds next year
- ❑ **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).
- ❑ **Bring your houseplants inside** (especially as the nights go below 50°). Give them a good hose off before moving them and treat with **Neem Max** and **Mosquito Bits** for fungus gnats.
- ❑ **Prevent pot freezing and cracking!** Be sure to empty, clean, and turn any containers upside down before it gets too cold!

