



Gardening Tips for November

- ❖ **Important:** Make sure new plants, shrubs, and trees are watered before winter so they do not die.
- ❖ Once everything is watered thoroughly, drain outside faucets and store hoses.
- ❖ It is still ok to plant bulbs outside early in November. The depth of the hole should equal three to four times the bulb height. Daffodils are usually planted nine to twelve inches deep. Plant them with roots down and add bone meal or bulb food. Add a mothball to discourage squirrels.
- ❖ Protect your evergreens by putting up a screen on the windy sides, usually the north and west. This can be as simple as erecting three wooden stakes and wrapping burlap around them. But don't cover the plants directly with plastic. It will heat up like a greenhouse on sunny days and cook your plants.
- ❖ Wrap fruit tree trunks with hardware cloth, metal screening, or plastic tree guards to protect them from mice and moles.
- ❖ Clean your garden tools for winter storage. When clean, add a light coating of oil to prevent rusting.
- ❖ Check and treat houseplants for insect infestations.
- ❖ Remember to dig up and store dahlia bulbs indoors. Do not put them in plastic bags or they will rot.
- ❖ After plant material is removed from your vegetable garden, spread aged manure, compost, leaves, or grass clippings on top, and turn them under or rototill.
- ❖ Clean out window boxes.
- ❖ Cover strawberry plants two inches deep with hay or straw to prevent winter injury. Are you getting a live Christmas tree this year? Dig the hole now, before the ground freezes. Keep the garden soil you removed from the hole in an area where it won't freeze or wash away.
- ❖ Don't prune spring flowering shrubs now.
- ❖ Clean and store decorative planters and fragile statuary.
- ❖ Clean leaves and debris from water gardens.
- ❖ Cyclamens thrive in cool temperatures (50-60 degrees F). Place them in a spot where temps tumble overnight. Display them in a warmer spot during daylight hours — in a location where you can enjoy the pretty blooms. Keep soil moist.

