

Fall Gardening Tips

In the PNW, October and November are ideal times for the following:

Cut back Rose Canes -after the first frost

- This is not a hard prune.
- cut back long canes to prevent wind damage in the winter
- remove any dying, dead or diseased canes

Cut back Perennials - leave those with interesting seed heads for winter interest, and bird food.

Plant Alliums - October is the best time to get your garlic, shallots, and flowering alliums in the ground for a head start before winter. They will push up new growth, then go dormant until the spring.

- The only exception is onion starts, which should be planted February - March.
- Plant alliums with an organic chicken compost. This provides a rich dose of nitrogen, which this family loves.

Plant Bulbs - Tulips and Daffodils should be planted in the fall

- Don't forget bulb food!
- A bulb planter is a great way to save wrists (and backs using a long-handled version) as these need to be planted 6-8" deep for optimal growth and longevity.

Order Seed - fall is a great time to order seeds

Plant Perennials, Shrubs and Trees - Fall is the best time to get larger, long-term plants in the ground- Winter gives them extra time to put down roots so they have a healthy start when Spring arrives.

Added bonus - Fall & Winter in the PNW are typically rainy, so the watering is taken care of.