



Fall Colors



Feed the Birds



Houseplants

- **Choose and plant** Pansies, Violas, Mums, Stock, Snapdragons, and Iceland Poppies for great fall color.
- **Containers, summer annuals,** and cool season annuals will enjoy monthly feeding with Maxsea Bloom fertilizer at this time of year.
- **Fertilize** Azaleas, Camellias, and Rhododendrons with E.B. Stone Organics Ultra Bloom Fertilizer (0-10-10) to stimulate bud formation for winter/spring bloom and develop a hardier root structure. Supplement with Greenall FST to keep acid loving plants green.
- **Use Sloat Forest Mulch Plus** to inhibit weeds and conserve moisture.
- **Remove leaves** covering pumpkins to help ripen fruit.
- **Cut back fruited** canes of raspberries, leaving new canes for fruiting next year.
- **Prepare soil with Loam Builder** and E.B. Stone Naturals Agricultural Lime for fall vegetable beds. Cabbages and kales need a good source of calcium to grow best. You can foliar feed calcium with Monterey Foli-Cal or Foxfarm Cal Mag.
- **Plant fall vegetables:** kale, collard greens, spinach, arugula, peas, and lettuces.
- **Plant leeks and onions** from seed or young plants to avoid early spring bolting.
- **Plant green manure & cover crops** like fava beans and clovers to fix nitrogen in the soil, improve soil structure, and suppress weeds.
- **After harvesting** summer crops, compost the leftover plants, excluding diseased leaves.
- **Keep the garden clean.** Pick up fallen fruit to avoid pests and disease next year. Clean out plant debris.
- **Plan your fall maintenance** program by identifying any pest or disease issues on deciduous fruit and shade trees and shrubs now so that you are prepared to treat issues once plants are dormant.
- **Need help identifying a problem?** Bring your bugs or diseased samples in a sealed plastic bag into the store for advice.
- **Ensure houseplants** get fed this month.
- **How does your indoor garden grow?** Adopt a new family member from our large selection of houseplants.
- **Entertaining this fall?** We have plants & pottery to brighten your home and welcome guests. Company is coming!
- **Reduce spider mites, scale,** and other insect pests by taking houseplants outside and spraying them down with the hose in a partial shade area. Keeping the foliage dust free is key in controlling indoor pests. Use Neem or All Season's Oil if insects are already a problem. Always apply these remedies outdoors.
- **Use caulk to seal** ant's entries in your home. Manage aphids and scale on outdoor and indoor plants to discourage ants.

