



# Autumn Checklist

September/October/November



Sources of information include: Maple Leaf Ace Hardware crew, WSU King County Extension Master Gardener, Ed Hume Seeds, Hometime, Money Magazine, City of Seattle, King County, Plant Amnesty, "Gardening Month by Month in Washington & Oregon," The National Gardener's Association, Mountain Valley Growers, Cedar Grove, Whitney Farms, Scotts, The National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service, Seattle Tilth, and other links on our website.

## Inventory checklist:

- Exterior paint & prep supplies\*
- Interior paint & prep supplies\*
- Batteries for Daylight Savings change
- Furnace filters
- Space heaters
- Pipe wrap insulation
- Exterior window/door caulking
- Weather stripping
- Seal attic and crawl space cracks and gaps
- Faucet covers
- Ice melt
- Snow shovels
- Ice scrapers
- Hand & foot warmer packs
- Sleds & Saucers
- Lube locks with graphite (doors, padlocks, auto, etc)
- Moss control for yards & roofs
- Deck & fence stain – finish up in September before the cold weather sets in.
- Dolomite Lime for lawns, if necessary (raises pH to 6 or 7)
- Winter fertilizer for lawn
- Rakes for lawn and garden
- Lawn bags
- Hand weeding tools, knee pads, gloves
- Pruners
- Compost/mulch for garden beds
- Spring bulbs (allium, amaryllis, crocus, daffodils, hyacinths, tulips)
- Canning supplies†

## Possible Home/Lawn/Garden issues & maintenance:

- Interior paint & prep\*
- Exterior paint completion — cold weather is coming!
- Daylight savings in November:
  - change smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries
- Furnace filter change every three months
- Water filters (sink, refrigerator, shower):
  - change as necessary and directed
- Seal attic and crawl space cracks and gaps
- Brick & mortar repair for chimneys, exterior walls, etc.
- Check for moisture in your basement
- Is your sump pump working?
- Repair screen windows & doors in early fall.
- Replace broken window glass panes in early fall.
- Inspect & repair roof damage
- Clean/repair gutters & downspouts
- Porch/deck cleaning, repairing, painting, & staining, early fall
- Disconnect hoses from faucets; protect with a faucet cover
- Prepare for freezing, ice, and snow: check your stock of ice melt, faucet covers, snow shovels, etc.
- Sharpen your garden tools for winter pruning
- Lawn care: Apply fall/winter fertilizer, and, as needed, aerate, dethatch, & overseed in October/November
- Plant spring blooming flower bulbs (allium, amaryllis, crocus, daffodils, hyacinths, tulips), September through November.
- Weed control in garden beds
- Add compost, lime, as necessary, to all growing garden beds in early fall.
- Plant last fall crop and over-wintering veggie seeds in early September; plant cover crop in dormant veggie gardens from September through mid-November
- Lay down a layer of compost or mulch to blanket over bare dirt garden areas from late September through October
- Make hydrangeas pink by applying Dolomitic Lime or Triple Super Phosphate in October/November – pink hydrangeas like alkaline soil (pH of 6 to 7)
- Make hydrangeas blue with an application of Aluminum Sulfate in October/November (and March/April) – blue hydrangeas like acid soil (pH of 4.0 to 5.5)
- Pruning: berry canes that produced (down to the ground) from late June through November; bush type roses that had black spot this year in October/November; and stone fruits in late November.

## \*\* Ed Hume Seeds we typically offer that are good for either fall crops or overwintering:

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|----------|----------|---------|-------------|---------|
| Cabbage  | Carrots  | Chives  | Mustard     | Parsley |
| Radishes | Shallots | Spinach | Swiss Chard | Turnips |

### Garden item

### Arrival in store

Cover crop	September
Ed Home Flower & Vegetable seed rack**	early January
Fall Bulbs - plant in fall: bloom in spring (allium, amaryllis, daffodils, tulips, crocus, hyacinth)	September

- \* Printable paint supply list & prep directions available on the Paint page of our website, [mapleleaface.com](http://mapleleaface.com)
- † Printable canning supply list & general directions available on our website on the Yard & Garden page
- ∞ Printable Ace Disaster list items available on our website on the Yard & Garden page