

# September Landscape Tasks



Fall is just around the corner, but for now September is a great month to enjoy the cooler temperatures and the harvest of your labors. It's also a great time for some much needed landscape tasks.

## **Lawn Care**

-Give your lawn it's fall fertilizer. This helps the lawn build stamina for the winter as well as providing root growth to support a healthier and greener lawn in the spring.

-Treat the perennial weeds in the lawn as soon as day time temperatures are consistently in the 70's. This temperature range is also best to treat fungus problems such as summer patch or necrotic rings.

-Fall is a great time to overseed, reseed or resod the lawn if you have thin spots, dead areas or need a new lawn.

-Adjust your sprinklers for the shorter days and cooler temperatures.

-Move your mowing height lower to 1.5"

## **Flower Care**

- Keep deadheading annual flowers and perennials to maintain bloom till frost.
- Stop deadheading roses and let hips form. This will slow down their growth and prepare them for dormancy.
- Divide spring-blooming perennials, but wait till spring to divide summer and fall-blooming perennials. It's also a great time to plant perennials and they're usually on sale at the nurseries this time of year.
- Plant spring blooming bulbs and remove summer blooming bulbs that won't overwinter for storage.
- Treat for slugs and snails, because they make a comeback in cooler weather and have a second smaller breeding season.
- Perennial weeds also will proliferate in the cooler temperatures, so keep digging or treating those to prevent a big crop in the spring.

## **Trees and Shrubs**

- September is a great time to plant trees and shrubs as it will give them time to establish before winter. And good news, nurseries usually have them on sale this time of year, also.
- Prune out dead or diseased branches from trees and prune summer flowering and overgrown shrubs.

## **Fruits and Vegetables**

- Harvest fruits and vegetables as needed. Consider sharing your extras at the community "Share the Harvest" stand located near the senior center.
- Plant cool weather crops.
- When your garden spots are done for the year, till in compost or grass clippings and dropped leaves to your beds to add nutrients for the plants in the spring.

And lastly, write down what worked and did not work in your landscape this year, so you can avoid the same problems next year.

**Happy gardening from the Orem Beautification Commission and thanks for being good neighbors and doing your part in keeping Orem a beautiful place to live!**