

LET'S GET GROWING OCTOBER

Mow once per week

Hand water newly planted areas and annuals

Prune all dead or diseased wood

Compost Pile additions

Spent annuals – Reduce insect and disease

Tops of herbaceous perennials (after flowering or frost)

Leaves – layer with soil. Wet leaves before adding soil and add 1 pound of a complete lawn or garden fertilizer to each layer

Plant

Trees

Shrubs

Spring blooming perennials

Snapdragons, Pinks, Sweet Williams, Poppies and Calendulas

Cool season annuals – Prepare beds for pansies and Ornamental Kale and

Cabbage when they become available. Well drained soil and an 6 to 8 hours of full sun.

Wildflowers

Divide Perennials (cut off spent tops)

Chill tulip and hyacinth bulbs - in the refrigerator until mid or late

December before planting. Lowest part of refrigerator is best. Do not leave in airtight plastic bags during storage.

Saved Seeds – Allow to air dry, then place in air tight container and store in the refrigerator and label carefully.

Saving Caladium Tubers – Dig in late October and allow foliage to dry in a well ventilated, shady area. After 7 to 10 days remove foliage and soil and pack in dry peat moss, vermiculite, or similar material for storage. Dust bulbs with fungicide as you pack. Do not allow tubers to touch. Place container in area that will stay above 50 degrees F.