

SEPTEMBER THING TO DO

MOW

As Needed – Never remove more than one third of the total leaf blade. As the night temperatures cool you will need to lower your mowing height. Never scalp your lawn.

PLANT

Wildflower Seeds – It takes only a small amount of soil preparation for wildflowers. Rake up thatch to expose some soil, disperse the seeds and then lightly rake after planting. When selecting a site remember that wildflowers have to ripen on the stalk resulting in a time frame where the area will look brown and unsightly. This could result in complaints so pick an area that is suited for this. Another option is to reseed each year.

- ☼ Bluebonnet
- ☼ Indian Paintbrush
- ☼ Coneflower
- ☼ Fire-wheel
- ☼ Black-eyed Susan
- ☼ Evening Primrose
- ☼ & many more

Cool season grasses (After the first soaking rain)

- ☼ Annual Rye
- ☼ Fescue

Sow seeds of winter annual flowers in flats for planting in mid-to-late fall. Keep wet until you see the second set of leaves. You may then separate them and repot in 2 inch pots for planting at a later date. You may also plant directly into well prepared beds. Remember to mulch and keep them wet until they are showing active growth. When handling seedling always pick them up by the leaves. They can grow new leaves but broken stems result in dead seedlings.

- ☼ Snapdragons
- ☼ Pinks
- ☼ Pansies

SEPERATE

- ☼ Iris and Lilies (replant ASAP) – This will rejuvenate the plants and resulting in more blooms next season. Separate every 3 to 5 years.
- ☼ Start to separate other perennials (Share With a Friend)

FERTILIZE

- ☼ Lawns & Trees 15-5-10 with Sulfur – If you fertilize the lawn then you are fertilizing your trees
- ☼ Coleus & Caladiums with Ammonium Sulfate – 1/3rd to ½ lb per 100 sq. ft. of bed (water thoroughly)

PRUNE

- ☼ All dead and diseased wood from trees and shrubs
- ☼ Begin disbudding Chrysanthemums
- ☼ Lightly Prune Geraniums and Begonias to rejuvenate
- ☼ Remove weak & unproductive growth and old seed heads from Crape Myrtles & Roses to stimulate new growth.

WATER

- Hand water newly planted areas
- Plants with green fruit or berries
 - Hollies will drop berries
 - Cucumbers and Eggplant become bitter
- Caladiums and Coleus require plenty of water
- Lawns as needed

Feed The Birds