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October horticulture tips

Finally, the summer of 2016 is just about over! With cooler temperatures and fall weather just around the corner now is a great time to get back out in the yard and do some gardening. Here is a list of horticulture tips for October.

TURFGRASS

- You can continue to replant or establish cool-season lawns like fescue.
- The mowing height for fescue should be lowered to approximately 2 ½ inches for fall and winter cuttings.
- Mow and neatly edge warm-season lawns before killing frost.

ORNAMENTALS

- Plant cool-season annuals like pansies, ornamental cabbage or kale, snapdragons and dusty miller.
- Begin planting spring-flowering bulbs like tulips, hyacinths, crocus and daffodils.
- Peonies, daylilies and other spring-flowering perennials should be divided or planted now.
- Many perennials can be planted at this time and the selection is quite nice.
- Plant container-grown trees and shrubs this month.
- Check and treat houseplants for insect pest before bringing them indoors and re-pot root bound plants.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

- Dig sweet potatoes and harvest pumpkins and winter squash.
 - Remove green fruit from tomato plants when frost threatens.
 - There is still time to plant radishes and mustard in the fall garden.
 - Remove all debris from the garden to prevent overwintering of various garden pests.
- For more fall gardening tips contact your local OSU Extension Office.