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October horticulture tips

Finally, the hot dry summer of 2011 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.



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Turfgrass

- You can continue to replant or establish cool-season lawns like fescue.
- The mowing height for fescue should be lowered to approximately 2 1/2 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 repot 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.