

AGRICULTURE*September horticulture tips for the homeowner*

The kids are back in school. Now attention can be turned back to landscaping for the fall. Here are a few simple horticulture tips for the month of September.

**General Landscape:**

- Watch for fall specials at garden centers and nurseries since fall is a great time for planting many ornamentals.
- Choose spring flowering bulbs as soon as available.

- Plant cool-season annuals like pansies, ornamental cabbage or kale, snapdragons and dusty miller when temperatures begin to cool.

- Watch for and control late infestations of



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tree webworms.

- Begin to reduce the amount of light on outside tropical houseplants by placing them under shade trees before bringing them indoors for winter.

**Vegetables:**

- You have all of September to plant cool-season vegetables like spinach, leaf lettuce, mustard and radishes, and until the middle of

September to plant rutabagas, Swiss Chard, garlic and turnips.

**Lawn:**

- Winter broadleaf weeds like dandelion will begin to emerge in late September,



which is also the best time to control them with a 2,4-D type herbicide.

- If pre-emergent control of winter-annual weeds (henbit, chickweed, annual bluegrass, etc.) is desired in lawns, the application should be completed by the second week of September.

- Plan to seed fescue or ryegrass as needed in shady areas in mid- to late-September. Fall is the best time to establish cool-season lawns.

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