

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 tree webworms.



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- 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 Sep-

tember 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.