



# Seasonal Garden Tasks

## for the Pacific Northwest Gardener

### Fall

- ☐ Plant! Plant! Plant! The best time of year to plant is the fall. Warm soil and lots of moisture will insure success.
- ☐ Harvest Brussel sprouts, kale, pumpkins, winter squash, and potatoes.
- ☐ This is a great time to start lawn from seed or patch any areas in need. We also recommend fertilizing your lawn at this time of year with *Dr. Earth Supernatural Organic Lawn Fertilizer*.
- ☐ Divide perennials for transplanting or sharing with friends.
- ☐ Plant garlic and spring blooming bulbs like tulips, daffodils, muscari and alliums.
- ☐ Fall is a great time to plan for transplanting as we enter the cool and moist months.
- ☐ Stop deadheading roses. Allow them to create rose hips and enter dormancy.
- ☐ Begin to clean up falling leaves and plant debris. This can be incorporated into your compost, with the exception of any diseased material which should be disposed of in your trash.
- ☐ Remember to turn your compost to keep it cooking and breaking down the added debris.
- ☐ It is important to stay on top of slug and snail control especially as we enter the cooler, wetter months.
- ☐ Remove spent annuals and clean-up perennials.
- ☐ Dig up any tender bulbs for winter storage in a cool dry place, such as dahlias and cannas.
- ☐ Many dried blooms are beautiful, like grasses, Rudbeckia, and Hydrangeas. These can add great winter interest to your garden, so let them stand!
- ☐ Stay on top of late season weeds that may be sprouting in the landscape.
- ☐ Fall mulching will reduce cold weather stress in our gardens. We stock *Gardner N Bloome Soil Building Compost*.
- ☐ Refresh your containers for the holidays with structural plants, like conifers or evergreen shrubs, colorful plants with berries or winter blooming hellebore and add texture offered by grasses or evergreen ferns that will last through the winter.
- ☐ Cut back bramble berries, such as blackberries and raspberries after harvest to prepare the canes for overwintering.
- ☐ In the midst of your tasks it is good to **relax** and **enjoy** your garden.