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# Garden Talk



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## THE BUZZ by Mona Dyer

Isn't it glorious!?!?! The splendor of October is upon us! Sunrise in an autumn garden is fleeting and magical. Golden light streaming through tree leaves that're thinking about changing color. An apricot and lavender sunrise gives way to a sparkling azure blue sky. All the while, tiny birds chirp and sing ... a sweet, "Hello!" to greet another beautiful day!



October means foliage turning from green to shades of brilliant yellow, russet-red, burnished orange and copper. Fall blooming mums and purple asters amaze with their stunning intensity. Ornamental grasses wave elegant plumes high into the air, capturing the dwindling rays of autumn sunlight.

There's joy to be found in this shift of season. Gone are endless days of brutal heat. The chill in this morning's air was absolutely perfect! Ever so slightly, tree leaves are beginning to change color ... preparing for a breathtaking grand finale of brilliant colors swirling in the wind. Autumn leaves call to me ... asking if I'll come outside to play. My ratty old sweatshirt is hanging next to

the backdoor now. I'm not taking a chance on missing one splendid October morning in the garden!

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## FEED YOUR LAWN NOW!

It's time to give your lawn it's most

important fertilization of the year! Feeding your turf now helps get it into great shape going into winter. We recommend using Bookcliff Choice Lawn Food for amazing results! Use it at double the rate ... just before you shut off your irrigation system for the season. The fertilizer winds up at the root zone... where it maintains the lawn through the winter and eases it into beautiful, sustained growth through the next growing season. Our guru Dennis has used Bookcliff Choice Lawn Food as winterizing fertilizer at his house for years. It's usually the only time he fertilizes... and the lawn looks great! Stop by today ... let us show you the good stuff!

## It Is Time... Feed Your Lawn

with Bookcliff Choice Lawn Food



### IS YOUR GARLIC PATCH READY?

"The garlic is coming! The garlic is coming!" Okay ... so it's not the most famous of phrases, but you'll want to remember it around Halloween! Garlic grows best here when planted anywhere from mid October into early November. It's easy to grow and your garlic will be ready to harvest next July. We have

seed garlic that'll grow lots of pungent bulbs for all your favorite recipes. Now's the time to prepare the bed for planting. Good organic matter worked nice and deep into the soil makes a big difference, so don't skimp on the quality of your compost. A combination of Soil-Pep & Nutri-Mulch work wonders! Good dirt work and quality seed garlic ... plus helpful advice to help you succeed! Why grow your own? Because WE LOVE GARLIC!

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# October 2019 Gardening Calendar

29	30	1	2	3	4	5
Apply pre-emergent to prevent cheat grass & purple mustard from pestering you next spring. Divide and replant perennials that've become overgrown. Add fresh plants from Bookcliff's new stock. Plant new trees and shrubs. They love this time of year! Continue watering cool weather veggies for late fall harvest. Are your pansies planted?						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Plant Amaryllis in containers for holiday blooms. Rake leaves from lawn. Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup> is average first hard freeze in Delta/Cedaredge, the 14 <sup>th</sup> in Fruita. Plant spring flowering bulbs anytime from now through mid November. We have some beauties! Give trees & shrubs a deep drink of water before irrigation is shut off.						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Apply late fall winterizer food to the lawn as late as possible, but while it's still green, then water well. Divide rhubarb after first killing frost to improve production. Canal water is generally cut off mid to late October. Water trees & shrubs very deeply one last time!						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Mulch your strawberries. October 25 <sup>th</sup> is the average date of the first hard freeze in Grand Junction. Prepare your vegetable garden for next spring. Remove debris and work in decomposed organic matter. Plant your garlic bed anytime in the next two weeks. You'll need plenty for next year's pickles & salsa!						
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Lift and prepare summer bulbs for winter storage as soon as frost damages foliage. Winterize your sprinkler system by blowing out water with an air compressor. Need help? Call Bookcliff Maintenance!						

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