

October Gardening Calendar

Apply pre-emergent to cut back on weedy cheat grass & purple mustard next spring.

Divide & transplant exuberant perennials. Plant new perennials, water them well & mulch with compost to help 'em grow through fall and winter. You won't be disappointed!

Continue watering cool weather veggies for late fall harvest.

Plant Mums and Asters in the garden for dazzling autumn blooms. Deadhead faded blossoms and remember, they'll be back to cheer you next fall!

Oct. 13th is average first hard freeze in Delta/Cedaredge, the 14th in Fruita.

Plant spring flowering bulbs anytime from now through mid-November. We have some beauties!

Winterize your lawn! Fertilize just before irrigation goes off for the season. Use Bookcliff Gardens Choice Lawn Food and a deep soak of water for amazing growth next year.

Divide rhubarb after first killing frost to improve production.

Water trees & shrubs very deeply one last time if you still have irrigation water.

Mulch your strawberries. October 25th is the average date of the first hard freeze in Grand Junction.

Prepare your vegetable garden for next spring. Remove debris and gently work in decomposed organic matter. Use chopped leaves or more compost to cover and protect bare soil.

Plant your garlic bed anytime in the next two weeks. Grow plenty for next year's pickles & salsa!

Lift & prep cannas & dahlias for winter storage 10 days after frost kills foliage. Cool, dry storage is ideal.

Plant Amaryllis Bulbs in pots for Holiday Blooms! Plant spring flowering bulbs and garlic in the ground!!!

Winterize your irrigation system. Drain your pump & blow out water lines with an air compressor.

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