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Fall Tasks for the Garden

As summer gently fades into fall, the colours begin to shift, and we find ourselves immersed in the glorious shades of Autumn. From vibrant pumpkins and colourful fall mums, to golden feathery grasses, the season's palette is simply spectacular.

Fall is the perfect time to roll up your sleeves and tend to the garden, so put that Pumpkin Spice Latte aside and check out October's to-do calendar!



Fall Watering Tips for Trees and Shrubs

🌿 Why Fall Watering Matters

- **Root Growth Continues:** Even as leaves drop, roots keep growing until the ground freezes. Moist soil helps them expand and strengthen.
- **Winter Prep:** Well-hydrated plants are better equipped to handle winter stress and avoid frost damage.
- **Dry Autumns:** Fall has been surprisingly dry, without supplemental watering, plants may enter winter dehydrated.

💧 How to Water Effectively

- **Deep Soak:** Water slowly and deeply leaving a hose on a slow trickle near the base of the trunk for 15-60 minutes. Water the plant to a depth of about 6-8 inches below root ball.
- **Frequency:** Once a week if there's no rain. For newly planted trees and shrubs twice a week for the first 6 weeks.
- **Timing:** Water in the morning to reduce evaporation and prevent fungal issues.
- **Until:** Newly planted evergreens should be watered till early December. Deciduous plants until all leaves have fallen.



Bonus Tip

Add mulch (3 inches thick) around the base to retain moisture and insulate roots — just keep it a few inches away from the trunk to prevent rot.

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Autumn to Ice: Transitioning Your Pond Through the Seasons



🍂 Fall Prep (Late September to November)

- **Clean out debris:** Remove fallen leaves, dead plants, and sludge to prevent decay and poor water quality.
- **Trim aquatic plants:** Cut back hardy plants and remove tropical ones that won't survive the cold.
- **Install netting:** Use pond netting to catch falling leaves and keep the pond clean.
- **Stop feeding fish:** As water temps drop below 10°C (50°F), switch to wheat germ-based food, then stop feeding entirely once it's consistently cold. Fish metabolism slows and they won't digest food well.
- **Check equipment:** Inspect pumps, filters, and aerators. Clean and store any equipment you won't use over winter.

❄️ Winter Prep (November to March)

- **Keep a hole in the ice:** Use a pond heater or aerator to maintain a small opening for gas exchange. This prevents toxic buildup under the ice.
- **Remove or insulate pumps:** If you leave a pump running, ensure it's deep enough not to freeze. Otherwise, remove and store it.
- **Protect fish:** Ensure the pond is deep enough (at least 18–24 inches) so fish can overwinter safely at the bottom.
- **Avoid disturbing fish:** Once they're dormant, don't poke around or try to move them. Let them rest.

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