



October Gardening Tips

Plant:

- ❖ garlic
- ❖ finish planting fall bulbs
- ❖ take cuttings of tender perennials

Also:

- ❖ harvest sweet potatoes before frost
- ❖ remove green tomatoes & ripen in a paper bag
- ❖ get soil tested and amend
- ❖ clean and put away empty containers & garden ornaments
- ❖ clean & sharpen garden tools
- ❖ clean bird feeders
- ❖ cut back on watering & feeding houseplants for the winter
- ❖ turn compost pile – rake and compost ‘fall gold’ (leaves)
- ❖ cover mums & asters on nights when frost is expected
- ❖ dry & save seed
- ❖ make plans to put your vegetable garden to ‘bed’

Plan for Christmas Blooms:

Poinsettia and Christmas Cacti should be moved to a spot with temperatures between 50°-60°. Both need 13-15 hours of darkness per day (cover if necessary), water and fertilize.