OCTOBER MONTHLY TASKS

BGGC GARDEN RESEARCH 2019

PRUNE, CLEAN-UP & MULCH

[] DIG & STORE DAHLIAS & CANNAS AFTER A HARD FROST

[] SPECIAL CARE in CLEAN UP AROUND PEONIES, ROSES & BEARDED IRIS to REDUCE FUNGAL DISEASE

[] DON’T COMPLETELY DEAD HEAD PERENNIALS, BIENNIALS & ANNUALS IF YOU WANT TO COLLECT SEED (NON-HYBRIDS ONLY) or LET THEM SELF SEED FOR NEXT YEAR. THE BIRDS LIKE THEM TOO!

PERRENIALS & FLOWERING PLANTS

[] BEST TIME of YEAR TO PLANT TREES!

[] REMEMBER, WE’LL GET A FROST BY LATE OCTOBER! START TO MOVE POTTED

 PLANTS INDOORS.

[] STOP WATERING CHRISTMAS CACTUS for 30 DAYS for BETTER BUD SET

FRUIT & VEGETABLE GARDEN

[] GET READY TO PLANT GARLIC, AFTER THE FIRST FROST

[] A FEW CLOVES OF GARLIC IN A POT WILL YIELD A SUPPLY of CHIVE-LIKE GARLIC GREENS ALL WINTER for GARNISH

TRY PLANTING COVER CROPS

*WITH A KILLING FROST APPROACHING WITHIN A FEW WEEKS, IT’S TIME TO GIVE SOMETHING BACK TO YOUR VEGETABLE GARDEN.*

*TRY PLANTING A SOIL BOOSTING COVERCROP OF WINTER RYE, RED CLOVER or QUICK GROWING EASY TO MANAGE FIELD PEAS AND OATS.*

*CHECK OUT [WWW.JOHNNYSEEDS.COM](http://WWW.JOHNNYSEEDS.COM) FOR A GREAT SELECTION OF POSSIBILITIES.*

*WHEN SPRING COMES, SIMPLY MOW or CUT THE GRAIN DOWN AND TURN UNDER. IT’S LIKE COMPOSTING IN PLACE WITH THE FOLIAGE AND UNDERLYING ROOT SYSTEM DECOMPOSING TO IMPROVE SOIL TEXTURE AND FERTILITY.*

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