PHYTONUTRIENT GARDENER'S NOVEMBER TO-DO GUIDE

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In the Phytonutrient Garden



The average first frost date in our Zone 8 area is November 15 - be ready! Plant any vegetable seeds you still have to plant in EARLY NOVEMBER: Mustard, Radish, Spinach, etc. Plant vegetable plants. Lettuce, Mustard and other Greens, Peas, Spinach Plant strawberries, now too.

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Get ready to protect newly planted plants, tender vegetables and other tender plants before a freeze. Inspect and clean up potted plants that are moved indoors. Control insect pests on the plant or in the soil with an organic solution. Mulch all plants, including trees and shrubs. Water plants well before a freeze. Freeze damage occurs when ice crystals form inside plant cells and pierce the cell walls.



In the Phytonutrient Herb Garden

Plant herbs! Plant herb plants. Cilantro, Dill, Fennel, Parsley and all perennial herbs such as Chives and Oregano

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In the Yard



Plant perennial plants, trees, and shrubs. All of them! Fruit trees will arrive at nurseries for fall planting; shop early for the best selection.

Overseed lawn with winter rye. Use "perennial rye" for that thin-bladed, slower-growing green winter lawn. It is not really perennial in Texas; it will die in the spring when the weather warms up. Prune out dead limbs from trees and shrubs before the leaves fall.

In the Flower Garden



Plant annual flower/ornamental seeds. Sweet Alyssum, Calendula, Centaurea, Coreopsis, Delphinium, Larkspur, Linaria, Nemesia, Poppy, Snapdragon, Sweet Pea, Johnny Jump-Up (Viola). Divide perennials. Transplant or give away your divisions of: daylily, bearded iris, Shasta daisies, violets, wood ferns, and cannas. Plant annual flower/ornamental plants. Dusty Miller, Flowering Kale and Cabbage, Nicotiana, Pansy, Snapdragon, Sweet Pea,

What else?



Check any notes that you made earlier in the year before placing your seed orders. What grew well, which varieties did you enjoy, and which varieties failed? Carefully plan your vegetable garden for next year.