



Fall Landscape Maintenance and Planting Check List

San Antonio Botanical Garden Guidelines

- To minimize the likelihood of weeds this fall, do not allow weeds to go to seed.
- Plant shade trees now to take advantage of the mild fall and winter weather for root growth.
- Prepare beds to plant cool season flowers. Add compost as need to your flowerbeds.
- Deadhead flowering plants to stimulate more blooms.
- This is the last time to fertilize roses for the winter months. Wait until January/February to fertilize again.
- With the mild weather, it is a perfect time to plant landscapes. The cooling temperatures allow for more root growth, which will establish the plant before winter cold snaps.
- Take advantage of the weather and dig, divide and plant your spring/summer blooming perennials.
- Begin to back off on watering. With the cooler temperatures, soils stay moist longer than they did this summer. You do not want to overwater your plants.
- Mulch all new plantings to reduce weeds, maintain soil moisture and regular soil temperatures.
- This will be the last time to do any pruning on your rose bushes until February.
- Sow bluebonnets and other wildflowers.
- Make preparation to protect tropical plants or move them to a greenhouse.
- Prepare exposed pipes for winter.
- After last use of mower or other power equipment, make the machines ready for winter storage. Don't leave gasoline in the machine over winter
- Start thinking about purchasing fall planting/spring blooming bulbs. Don't plant until all hot weather is over.
- Prune trees when they are dormant.