

GARDEN HINTS

SEPTEMBER

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

- It's a great time to plant trees & shrubs. Use Bone Meal for healthy root growth.
- Choose healthy firm fall bulbs & store in a cool, dry place until planting at mid-October/November.
- Plant garlic & shallots.
- Tuberous begonias, dahli bulbs, canna lilies & gladiolus bulbs need to be lifted & stored over winter. Allow them to dry, cut off remaining stems/leaves & rub off any soil. Store in a paper bag in dry peat moss or vermiculite.
- Check to see which perennials need dividing.
- Lettuce, radish & swiss chard can still be sown outdoors.
- It's a good time to sow lawn seed & apply a fall application of lime & fertilizer.
- Keep weeding & deadheading.
- Begin fall garden cleanup.
- Aluminum sulphate application to the base of hydrangeas will promote bright blue blooms in spring.

INDOOR ACTIVITIES

- Acclimatize tropicals to the indoors by bringing them inside in the evening & back outside during the day for about a week.
- Inspect indoor plants for pests/diseases before bringing indoors. Once inside, fertilize one last time before winter.
- Poinsettia from last Christmas? Start giving it 12 hours of darkness each day for the next 8 weeks to promote bract colour.

