



September Garden Checklist

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- Decide what you want to plant this fall. Order seeds, bulbs, garlic, etc. ASAP.

- Prepare beds for fall planting by adding compost, worm castings & raised bed mix.

- Remove dead or dying plants and clean up your yard and garden.

- Refresh or add worm bins to your beds once low temps are consistently below 80°F.

- Start seeds indoors for your favorite crops. See my growing guides for options.

- Plant warm-season crops like tomatoes, beans & squash.

- Cut back perennial herbs by 1/3 & feed with compost & worm castings once temps are below 100°F.

- Cut back tomatoes, peppers & eggplants (if needed) and then feed with compost & worm castings.

- Wait to plant cool-season crops until nighttime temps begin to cool (hopefully mid-month).

- Clean out small containers and refresh/replace potting soil to get them ready to plant.

- Clear out summer blooming annual flowers and prepare beds by adding 1 inch of compost.

- Leave the largest blooms on the plants & collect seeds from summer blooming flowers.

- Once daytime temperatures are consistently below 90°F, take down shade cloth.

- Start lightly fertilizing your roses & keep up with watering until temps cool in October.

- Feed citrus early in the month. Keep split and sun damaged fruit picked.

- Plant strawberries mid-month. Chandler, Quinault, Sequoia & Tristar are good varieties for AZ.

- Plant agave, cactus & yucca. Wait to plant most other landscape plants until next month.

- Keep warm-season crops harvested and healthy. Check daily for insects.

- Do a happy dance because we are almost done with summer!
