



# October Garden Checklist

- Enjoy your garden. Spend time outside and plant something.

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- Take down shade cloth when daytime temps are below 90°F (32°C).

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- Transition warm-season flowers and vegetables and replace with cool-season crops.

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- Enjoy harvests from warm-season crops.

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- Add compost and worm castings to artichokes coming out of dormancy.

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- Thin cool-season plants, especially root crops so they have enough room and sunlight.

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- Add companion plants to your vegetable beds. Aim for at least 1 flower & 1 herb in each bed.

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- Time to get out smaller containers. Fill with soil and add an olla if desired.

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- Feed the soil where you are going to plant bare root fruit trees in January.

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- Pomegranates, roselle, and sweet potatoes may be ready to harvest.

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- If needed, replace or add a drip system to your yard. Plants' roots have time to recover before the heat.

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- October is the best month to plant most landscape trees, shrubs, vines & groundcovers.

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- Plant perennial herbs. Prune back existing perennial herbs by about 1/3 if needed.

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- Plant roses. Fertilize roses (water well before and after feeding). Prune existing roses lightly.

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- Plant ranunculus, anemones, and other fall planted bulbs. See planting guides for details.

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- Plant garlic. Check planting lists on [growinginthegarden.com](http://growinginthegarden.com) for other ideas.

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- Plant blackberries, grapes, passionfruit vine, goji berries, and strawberries.

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- Plant wildflowers. Water until they sprout and as needed or wait for winter rains.

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