

Timely Turf Tips

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Feed the birds. It sounds simple enough and it is! A child can do it. We want to lend a hand with the **free birdfeeder** and discounted bird feed coupons below! Involving children in bird feeding activities could help them develop a lifelong interest in wildlife. Let children help assemble and fill simple bird feeders. Teach them the names of the different birds that come to your feeder. Use birds' migratory destinations to educate kids in geography and directions. Feeding the birds provides a delightful opportunity to learn and enjoy wildlife in your own yard.

The growing season is not over. You still have a few things to do to prepare for winter. Prioritize those that must be done before the snow flies and others that can wait if you run out of time.

Here is a list of some end-of-the-season chores:

- Clean out old bird feeders to get ready for this winter.
- Didn't get the fertilizer applied in October? There's still time to apply it in early November before the ground freezes and snow begins to cover the ground.
- Too late to plant or transplant. Overwinter anything that you didn't get into the ground. Sink the pots into the ground in a protected area. Apply winter mulch after the ground freezes. Plant in spring.
- Mulch strawberries with a 4-6" layer of straw or marsh hay for the winter. Apply after the top ½ inch of soil is frozen. This is usually after the temperature has been around 20°; mid to late November.
- Cut fall bearing raspberries to the ground. This method of pruning eliminates the summer crop but will give you a larger and earlier fall crop next year.
- Keep watering trees, gardens, rhubarb, and asparagus thoroughly until the ground freezes.
- Disconnect, drain and store hoses after the last watering.
- Collect, clean and store tools. Try to sharpen tools prior to storage.
- Store pesticides in a cool, dark dry area. Liquids must not freeze. Secure all product from children/pets.
- Empty pots and flats you plan to reuse next spring. Wash with a 1:9 parts bleach to water.
- Keep raking leaves. If leaves are left on the lawn, they can block the sunlight and trap moisture, increasing the risk for disease and death of turf.
- Clean and pack away the mower.
- Purchase a good snow shovel.

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