



## *Gardening To -Do during September*

Do you have a fruit tree with fruit you can't use or reach?

Contact a gleaning organization to harvest the fruit for local food banks at the Lettuce Link [\*\*HERE\*\*](#)

Finish adding perennials and shrubs to the landscape. Their roots will establish nicely before winter and then be ready for spring growth when the weather warms again.



Welcome the fall season by adding some new plants to your containers; violas, rainbow chard and mums are my favorites.

Throw some daffodils below soil level and keep container from freezing solid to enjoy some of the first blooms that spring has to offer.

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Clean up under fruit trees; leaves, fruit, and branches. Discard in yard waste or burn if infected with diseases.

Divide perennials after the blooms have faded.

Fill in empty areas that need color, share with friends, freecycle or pot up extras for the spring plant swaps and store pots in the ground and covered with straw to insulate thru the winter.



Leave those rose hips on your rose plants. The hormones in the hips 'tell' your plants that it is time to go dormant.

Harvest, freeze, dry, and eat all that the garden has to offer while the last of the growth occurs and before plants begin to slow production and die back. Compost all garden matter that is not diseased.

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