

Annual maintenance in the landscape garden can be minimized with improved technique and better timing.

My goal is to inform you in these areas. I will encourage you to:

- ☼ Reduce fertilization and pesticide use with soil improvement, superior plant selection
- ☼ proper planting time, and efficient watering practices.
- ☼ Plant trees, shrubs, and perennials in fall.
- ☼ Increase proper mulching and encourage the use of existing materials for mulch. (Shredded leaves, Pine needles, Grass Clippings, as well as Hardwood Mulch.)

I know we can work less and enjoy our gardens more.

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garden calendar

JAN.-FEB:



Prune trees and shrubs. Refer to arborist when necessary.
Fertilize entire landscape. (Time release or organic.)
Maintain mulch. (Consistent 3" depth.)
Lime and Fertilize lawn.

MAR.-MAY:



Add more Perennials.
May 10: Plant spring annuals.

JUNE-SEPT:



Mow Lawn: Bermuda/Zoisia 1-2" height. Shade Lawn 2-3" height.
(Consider reducing lawn size. Most maintenance happens here.
Plant a small woodland and let leaves lay. Maintain a small perfect piece of lawn or install patio.) (A great shade lawn alternative is Moss, or Turkey Vine..) think about major landscape changes for fall.

AUG.-SEPT:



Prepare and mulch new planting beds.
(Remove grass in new bed areas this month with chemicals or 1/4" of newspaper and 3" mulch.)

OCTOBER:



Renew and reseed lawns. Sew cover crops.
Seed Winter Rye grass for natural "weed and feed".
Seed Crimson Clover in flower beds as alternative to mulch. Fun!
Lightly fertilize entire landscape.
Tag shrubs and small trees to be moved in Nov.
Oct. 10: Plant Pansies.

SEPT.-JAN:



Utilize or store fallen leaves and pine needles for mulch and soil preparation. (I highly recommend collecting leaves with a mower with a hard plastic bagging attachment. The result is a fine mulch.)
Some minor pruning.
Prepare and mulch new planting beds.

NOV.-FEB:



Plant majority of new landscapes, trees, shrubs, and perennials.
Move shrubs and small trees.
Prune trees and shrubs. (Prune don't trim. Or trim to ground level in Feb. to renew an overgrown shrub.)
Pruning lessons are available. (Nov.-Feb. only)

Enjoy your garden,
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