



If you're like me, you do better accomplishing your goals if you have a list. To help keep 'us' organized, I've created this fall gardening prep list. Make sure to add any notes of extra chores you had to do or omit the chores that didn't apply.

Date: _____

- Remove Garden and Yard Debris
 - Burn any diseased or insect infected plants
 - Add healthy spent plants to the compost
 - Clean all empty planters and pots with bleach or vinegar water
 - Remove all old plant markers and tags
 - Remove all tomato cages, wire, and or supports and store
- Add Organic Fertilizer To Your Soil
 - Help replenish your soils lost nutrients by adding compost, manure, or organic fertilizer
- Till or Mulch Your Soil
 - We rotate our livestock (pigs and chickens) that till our soil naturally.

- If you use the no-till method of gardening, you can add mulch to your soil
- Cover Crops
 - Plant cover crops to help enrich your soils nutrients. Some examples of cover crops are: Buckwheat, Winter Rye, Clover, Field Peas, Hairy Vetch, Alfalfa, and Oats
- Plant Cool-Weather Crops.
 - You can check with your local County Extension to see what crops do well in your area
- Update or start your Garden Journal
 - Include things like what crops did well, how much rain you received, pest problems and solutions. Crops you want to plant again next year.
- Remove and drain irrigation systems: soaker hoses, water hoses, water jugs, etc.
- Tools: inspect, repair, and clean them. My grandfather taught me to store shovels, hoes, and blades in a bucket of oil or sand to prevent rust and dullness.
- Check your stock and organize it now. Make note of what you used and didn't use. Decide what you'll need to repurchase. Your garden journal will prove itself prime property for this chore.
- Take note of any expiration dates and temperature restrictions on supplies. Botanicals tend to be temperature sensitive.

Notes:
