

## Fall Gardening

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### WORK IS COOLER FOR YOU AND THE PLANTS

Every expert gardener knows the fall is the best season to plant for a number of reasons. One of the best reasons is because the cooler weather is easier for both you and your plants. The summer heat can make planting and tending to your garden very difficult.

Fall soil is still warm enough for your plants' roots to thrive and get established before the ground freezes during the winter.

Since the weather is cooler and the days are shorter, photosynthesis slows down, meaning you won't need to water the plants as much, saving you time and money.



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#### Landscaping Adds to Home Value

In one HomeLight survey, 94% of top agents said that great curb appeal equals money in your bank account at closing — and you don't have to break the bank to wow buyers, either. Learn more about how landscaping can add value to your home from the experts at HomeLight at [bit.ly/3zLj1Mp](https://bit.ly/3zLj1Mp).

#### FALL SHOWERS

Some places in the country experience fall showers, a period where there is consistent rainfall, meaning you won't have to water your plants as much because Mother Nature is doing it for you. It makes maintenance and care for the plants easier and less time-consuming than normal.

#### FEWER PESTS AND DISEASES

The cooler months mean there are fewer pests and bugs to bother you and your garden during the day. Most bugs, snakes and other pests are either dead or preparing for hibernation during the fall. The humidity of the summer and spring months that promotes diseases for your plants

is long gone during the fall.

Other pests, such as weeds and other invasive plants, are dormant during the fall and winter months, giving your plants a head start to get established.

#### PROMOTE EARLY GROWTH

In the fall, warm soil encourages root growth

throughout the season on into the winter until the ground freezes. It continues to grow in areas of the country with mild winters.

That means in early spring, your plants' roots will begin new growth or develop quicker than they would if you planted them in the early spring.

As a result, the early fall plants will be better equipped to deal with the heat, lack of water and other problems because their roots are already well established into the soil.

#### WHICH PLANTS ARE THE BEST FOR FALL?

If you're looking to liven up your home garden this fall, there are a few reliable all-season plants you should consider making the focal points of your garden.

As the bright-colored flowers of summer and fall start to fade, the warm oranges, yellows and reds of fall plants begin to bloom. Plants such as mums, aster and autumn fire sedum will bloom bright long after spring flowers fade and have good tolerance for the cold chilly winters.

Other plants to consider are Japanese maple, pansies and ornamental cabbage.

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**Acceptance:** The time at which an offer to purchase is accepted. The fact that it was accepted must be relayed to the person who made an offer in order for all parties to be bound to the contract. SOURCE: MLS.com

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