

Getaway Gardens News

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Summer's End

Fall Preparation

Maintaining Your Stunning View

Continuing to deadhead spent flowers, permitting herbs to go to seed (bloom), and installing temporary fall flowers such as mums, means plenty of color and pollinators in your garden space, right up until [first frost!](#)

Maximize Your Garden Time

The chill will be here before we know it, so get as much enjoyment out of your garden as possible. One way to do this is to make non-working garden visits routine. Throw on some sleeves, a sweater or jacket and have that morning coffee or tea in your garden, where you can reflect, relax, and plan your day. Better yet, enjoy your late afternoon or early evening with an herbal tea, cocktail or mocktail (using the last vestiges of your garden harvests where possible). Take this time to unwind, relax, and reflect. Bring along some tunes, a book, maybe a friend, family member, a snack or two. Be surrounded and delighted by the end of season flurry of pollinators and the birds' changing of the guard.



Getaway Gardens Late Summer 2024 (new blooms following deadheaded coreopsis, lavender, branching sunflowers; blooming dill)

Recipes

🌸 [Basil Tea](#)



Left: Skipper butterfly (Sachem) on plains coreopsis bloom; Right: Honeybee in dill blooms

What to Sow Now

For those of you who want edible fall gardens, there are still several crops that can be grown. Now is also a good time to make your spring and summer flowering bulb selections if you would like to include flowers such as crocuses, hyacinth, allium, daffodils, and tulips. All you need are large planters (at least 10 gallons each). You can even use the layering method for a mixed-variety container. Order now and many online nursery retailers will ship them directly to you at the appropriate time for your growing zone!

Zones 4-5: You can sow chard, lettuce, spinach, radish, beets, collard greens, mustard greens, and kale now.

Zones 6-7: You can sow radish, beets, lettuce, spinach, garlic, and flowering bulbs now.

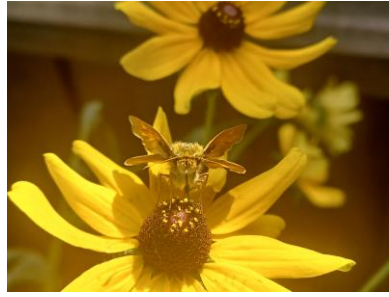
Additional Seasonal Tips and Reminders

- 🌸 We recommend investing in plant covers, if not a polyethylene cloche or cold frame for adding insulation to extend your fall growing season.
- 🌸 Begin deciding which perennials you want/need to bring indoors or to a more sheltered location to overwinter, and have a plan for daily leaf/soil checks and/or quarantine location before transitioning indoors.
- 🌸 Make sure you have adequate mulch for overwintering your perennials and spring/summer flowering bulbs. We use straw mulch
- 🌸 Plan to divide and transplant (if desired) your rhizomatous spring and summer perennials that are in that 3 or so year-old window to ensure they return and thrive next spring (e.g., Echinacea AKA coneflower, black-eyed Susan, blanket flower, bearded irises, bee balm, yarrow); [See this link for pointers on how.](#)
- 🌸 Stay tuned for our fall newsletter with more fall growing pointers and winterizing your garden, and social media for sales and promotions.



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Late Summer Highlights



Left: A skipper drinking from black-eyed susan; Right: Budding and blooming plains coreopsis



Left: Honeybee on tiger-eye sunflower bloom; Right: Honeybee on dill blooms



Left: Yarrow before plant stand with ornamental grass, geranium, loose leaf lettuce; Right: Marigold resurging after removal of cucumber plants



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Left: Habaneros, habaneros everywhere; Right: Harvest visit from Mr. Getaway Gardens himself



Goldfinch (upper left) enjoying its offering (drying sunflower head) after deadheading



Left: Bee balm establishing itself (for spring return) as buckwheat winds down; Right: Green onions, fall bush beans



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Habanero pepper sauce batches (Summer Mango, Caribbean Mango)



Left: Coneflower establishing itself for spring return; Right: Late season tiger-eye sunflower blooms

Roll Call

How has your garden season shaped-up? What were your roses? Your thorns? Did you “adopt” any of our Getaway Gardens seeds or seedlings? If so, what became of them? Look for us on Facebook and Instagram, post and let us know.

Remember, it is never too late or too early to start a garden plan, and the off-season is sometimes the best time to shop for your garden treasures and accessories. Don’t give up on your garden aspirations. Each season is a new opportunity and with each try, you become a better-informed gardener. Enjoy the journey!



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