

Cynthia Brian's Gardening Guide for November

ADD your carved pumpkins to your compost pile as it is high in nitrogen. Or break the pumpkins into pieces to feed the wildlife.

DEADHEAD perennials and roses to extend the blooming season.

RESEARCH the best spots to experience the changing of the color guard. Hike, bike, or drive to photograph the fall foliage.

SCATTER wildflower seeds for a surprise spring showcase.

DIVIDE perennials including dahlias, iris, and daylilies.

PLANT dark leafy greens such as kale, chard, and arugula in containers near the kitchen for easy harvesting.

FERTILIZE your entire landscape. For maximum absorption, fertilize immediately before it rains.

CHECK the stability of your trees. Contact a professional arborist to help with limb pruning.

BUY brilliant fall foliage trees and shrubs now at your local nursery so you'll know what colors to expect when they are planted in your garden.

CONTINUE planting spring-blooming bulbs.

CREATE a cornucopia of fall colors in a basket with cut roses, dahlias, and tentacles of euphorbia.

SOW cover crops such as clover, mustard, peas, brassicas, and alfalfa to enrich and protect the soil as well as suppress weeds and feed the birds.



The glory of dahlias!



A stunning pot of purple chrysanthemums.



A colorful combination of canna lilies, impatiens, and marigolds.



A sugar maple with bright crimson leaves.