



Central Texas

OCTOBER GARDEN CHECKLIST

GROWING ZONE: 8B & SURROUNDING AREAS

PLANT & SOW

- ☐ Plant lettuce, arugula & kale
- ☐ Sow spinach & other leafy greens
- ☐ Sow cilantro, dill & parsley
- ☐ Transplant brassicas
- ☐ Sow carrots, radishes, beets & turnips



FLOWER GARDEN

- ☐ Plant snapdragons & calendula
- ☐ Harvest zinnias, cosmos & dahlias
- ☐ Start hardy annuals for spring
- ☐ Save seeds from healthy plants

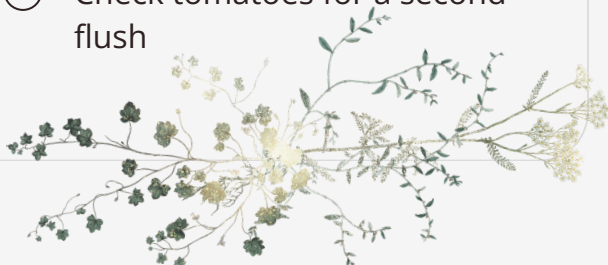
GARDEN MAINTENANCE

- ☐ Remove exhausted summer plants
- ☐ Inspect for pests & disease
- ☐ Add finished compost where needed
- ☐ Refresh mulch around plants
- ☐ Adjust watering for cooler weather



HARVEST & ENJOY

- ☐ Harvest peppers before frost
- ☐ Gather fresh culinary herbs
- ☐ Preserve or dry excess harvests
- ☐ Check tomatoes for a second flush



PREPARE FOR COOLER DAYS

- ☐ Check frost cloth & plant covers
- ☐ Prepare beds for November planting
- ☐ Clean & organize garden tools
- ☐ Check upcoming weather forecasts
- ☐ Make notes for next season



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GARDEN WISDOM



OCTOBER GROWING TIPS FOR CENTRAL TEXAS

TEXAS DIDN'T GET THE MEMO

Just because the calendar says fall doesn't mean Miss Dallas Marie Texas agrees. Warm soil helps seeds germinate, but those afternoon temperatures can still stress young seedlings. Keep newly planted beds consistently moist and provide afternoon shade when needed.

FALL IS FOR FLOWERS

Want gorgeous spring blooms? Start planning now. Snapdragons, calendula, and other cool-season flowers can establish roots during our milder months. Choose varieties suited to Central Texas and protect tender plants when freezing weather arrives.

FEED THE SOIL, NOT JUST THE PLANTS

Your garden's soil deserves some TLC, too! Add finished compost to tired beds or sow cover crops like crimson clover, oats, or winter rye. They'll protect your soil, suppress weeds, and build organic matter for next season. Healthy soil = healthy plants



DON'T GIVE UP ON SUMMER YET

Those tomatoes and peppers might have another trick up their sleeves! Healthy plants often produce a second flush when temperatures moderate. Keep an eye on the forecast, though. One good frost can bring the party to an abrupt end.

FROST HAPPENS

Central Texas weather loves surprises. Have frost cloth ready before temperatures drop. Cover tender plants all the way to the ground, secure the edges, and remove covers when temperatures warm. Don't wait until the evening of a freeze to go hunting for supplies. Nobody wants to play hide-and-seek with frost cloth at 9 p.m. in their pajamas.

GOOD GARDENS AREN'T GROWN OVERNIGHT. THEY'RE GROWN WITH PATIENCE, CURIOSITY, AND A WHOLE LOT OF DIRT.

— BIJOU'S BLOOMS



My OCTOBER GARDEN

THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE OCCASIONALLY UGLY

THE GARDEN SHOW-OFFS

WHAT'S THRIVING?

WHICH PLANTS ARE MAKING YOU LOOK LIKE A GARDENING GENIUS?

THE TROUBLEMAKERS

WHAT'S STRUGGLING?

PESTS, DISEASE, OR SOMETHING MYSTERIOUSLY DYING DESPITE YOUR BEST EFFORTS?



THE HARVEST REPORT

WHAT DID YOU BRING IN FROM THE GARDEN?

FLOWERS, VEGETABLES, HERBS, OR THAT ONE LONELY TOMATO YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING FOR WEEKS.

WHAT'S GOING IN THE GROUND?

WHAT ARE YOU PLANTING NEXT?

SEEDS, TRANSPLANTS, COVER CROPS, OR A LITTLE SOMETHING YOU ABSOLUTELY DIDN'T NEED FROM THE NURSERY.

NOTES TO MY FUTURE SELF

WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

BECAUSE WE ALL SWEAR WE'LL REMEMBER. AND WE ABSOLUTELY WON'T.

YOUR GARDEN HAS A STORY. KEEP WRITING IT.
EXPLORE MY GARDEN JOURNAL FROM BIJOU'S BLOOMS.O

