NOV. GARDENING TIPS

ANNUALS

-Weather has cooled enough to safely plant pansies, violas (Johnny Jump Ups), and cyclamen. They can handle a freeze.

-Watch for snails, slugs and pillbugs on pansies and violas, especially after the rains. Treat with Slugo Plus or Diatomaceous Earth.

-You can continue to plant stock, snapdragons, dianthus, calendulas, jut be prepared to cover in the event of a freeze.

-Don't delay planting wildflowers and seeds of native milkweeds.

TURF

-Last call to apply 18-6-12 winterizer/fertilizer finish task by mid November.

-Make plans to sharpen mower blades, empty gasoline and oil from mowers and wipe down equipment for storage over winter.

-Treat preventively for Brown Patch if you tend to see it in your turf in fall.

TREES & SHRUBS

-If you need to transplant trees or shrubs, this is the month to do it. The cool weather allows you to move plants with least amount of stress.

-One of the best months to plant new trees and shrubs! Newly planted trees and shrubs will need to be watered in adequately, existing trees and shrubs will not need extra water or fertilizer.

-It's leaf season! Collect fallen leaves for the compost bin. Shredding leaves reduces bulk and allows you to store more.

-If you had trees and shrubs that struggled terribly this summer, check out out native and xeriscape lists for trees and shrubs on our website.

PERENNIALS

-Finish up planting perennials by mid month.

-Now is the time to plant purple coneflower. It does best planted in fall.

-Divide Iris, Canna, and Daylily every 3 years.

-Buy spring bulbs like tulips and hyacinth to store in the fridge this month and plant next month. Don't wait til December to buy them, they won't be available.

VEGGIES AND HERBS

-Cole crops may be getting munched on by cabbage loopers. Check daily for these pests as they hid under leaves or in the center crevices. Treat with Bt (Bacillus thuringiensis)

-Spinach can be planted now that cool weather has arrived.

-Be ready to harvest tomatoes in the event of an upcoming freeze. You can remove green tomatoes from the vine and place them inside in a cardboard box, with space between each tomato so they are not touching, and they will ripen.

-By freeze protection now. Texas weather can turn on a dime.