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Mid October Gardening Reminders

1. **Plant Cool-Season Vegetables:** It's a great time to plant cool-season vegetables like broccoli, cabbage, kale, and lettuce. These crops thrive in the cooler temperatures of fall.
2. **Overseed Lawns with Ryegrass:** To keep your lawn green during the winter, overseed with ryegrass. This will provide a lush, green appearance throughout the cooler months.
3. **Mulch Around Plants:** Add a layer of mulch around your plants to help retain moisture and protect roots from temperature fluctuations.
4. **Plant Wildflower Seeds:** Mid-October is an ideal time to sow wildflower seeds, such as bluebonnets, to ensure they bloom beautifully in the spring.
5. **Prune Summer-Blooming Shrubs:** Tidy up your garden by pruning summer-blooming shrubs. This encourages healthy growth and prepares them for the next blooming cycle.
6. **Divide Perennials:** Divide and transplant perennials such as daylilies and irises. This helps invigorate the plants and gives you the opportunity to spread their beauty around your garden.
7. **Fertilize Fall Vegetables:** Apply a balanced fertilizer to fall vegetables to support their growth and productivity during the cooler months.

8. **Water Wisely:** With cooler temperatures, adjust your watering schedule to avoid overwatering. Focus on deep, infrequent watering to promote strong root systems.
9. **Prepare for Frost:** Although frost is rare in October, keep an eye on the forecast and have frost cloths ready to protect sensitive plants, just in case.
10. **Clean Up Garden Beds:** Remove spent annuals and clear garden beds of debris to prevent pests and diseases from overwintering in your garden.