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**November Gardening Tips**

In November our minds may be more on preparing for the holiday season, but there are still things that can be done in the garden this time of year. Below are gardening tips to help your garden through the winter season.

**Lawn**

* Remove fallen leaves from lawns as soon as possible to provide ample sunlight for the lawn. Piles of leaves can become wet blankets that smother your lawn.

**Trees, Shrubs and Flowers**

* November is the time to be planting spring-flowering bulbs like daffodils, crocus, hyacinths, and tulips.
* Clean up rose beds. Be sure all diseased leaves are raked up and disposed.
* Check cypress and other evergreens for bagworms. Remove and destroy bagworm capsules to reduce next year's pest population.
* After chrysanthemums have stopped blooming, cut stems back close to the ground and dispose of stems and all dropped and dried leaves and branches.
* Bring out the bird feeders and stock them with bird seed for the birds. Remember to provide fresh water for them too through out the winter months.

**Fruits, Vegetables and Herbs**

* Till your vegetable garden to expose many insects pests to birds and winter cold, reducing the numbers in next year’s garden.
* A good clean up of fruit trees can reduce future problems. Keep mulches pulled back several inches from the base of trees to prevent bark injury from hungry mice and voles. Pick and clean up fallen, spoiled or mummified fruits to prevent diseases and insects from overwintering.

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