



Virginia Cooperative Extension - Loudoun County Master Gardeners



Helpline Hints for November – the beginning of the holiday season

Garden	Lawn	Trees / Shrubs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harvest cool season crops; they will be sweeter with a slight frost• Keep cleaning garden beds and composting• Cut asparagus fronds and mulch with leaves• Finish turning beds; add compost, straw and rotted manure to enrich	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finish edging, mulching and weeding• Turn off outside water• Empty gas and / or oil from garden equipment• Store excess chemicals where they are safe and won't freeze; ALWAYS leave them in their original containers to identify and keep safety warnings visible• Gather leaves as they fall and add to the compost pile• Clean and sharpen tools and equipment for next year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water broad-leaved evergreens, dogwoods and new plants thoroughly before ground freezes• Wrap any evergreen plants for protection:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Netting for deer;- Burlap for wind- wire (2-3" from trunk) for rodents• Mound soil and or leaves around roses above graft to protect; shrub roses will <u>not</u> need this

If you are interested in becoming a Master Gardener, contact our Helpline with your questions – 703 771-5150 or ex107@vt.edu. Our social mixer for those interested is on November 22nd at 7 pm in the Extension Office.