

# Canadian Gardening

## Fall gardening checklist

- Arrange a fall container using ornamental cabbages and kales.
- Harvest ripened vegetables, including squash and pumpkins
- Divide overgrown perennials, including daylilies, hardy geraniums and Siberian iris.
- Plant spring and summer-flowering perennials, allowing six to eight weeks for root formation before winter sets in.
- Water shrubs and trees well, right up to ground freeze-up, to help them through the winter.
- Plant hardy, spring-flowering bulbs such as tulips and daffodils.
- Rake and shred leaves, then bag them, ready to use as winter mulch.
- Turn off water taps and store hoses and sprinklers.
- Dig up tender bulbs and overwinter in a cool, dark, dry place.
- Clean, sharpen and store tools.

### Tip:

Plant flowerbulbs three times the depth of the bulb.

## Essential fall plants:

- ✿ Flowerbulb: Naked ladies (*Colchicum* spp. & cvs.)
- ✿ Perennial: Aster (*Aster* spp. & cvs.)
- ✿ Shrub: Oakleaf hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia*)
- ✿ Tree: Japanese maple (*Acer palmatum*)



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