

HOME & LIVING:

October Checklist



- Buy a crock-pot or slow cooker. And use it.
- Clear your air by switching to eco-friendly cleaning products. Look for the EcoLogo.
- Put yard furniture into storage in garage or basement.
- Schedule a duct cleaning.
- Go window-shopping and look for holiday decorating ideas you can use later. Treat yourself to some candles.
- Switch drapery and towels to a fall/winter set in rich, warm tones.
- Decorate your porch with pumpkins and gourds. Start adding ghosts and carving the pumpkins into jack-o-lanterns a day or two before Hallowe'en.
- Put your garden to bed. Remove dead annuals. Prune perennials, shrubs and trees. Plant spring bulbs. Mulch everything (use raked leaves). Turn off water supply, move hose to basement.

Your notes...

Tip Prepare for spring

Prepare now for a bright burst of colour on your spring lawn. Yellow daffodils, white snowdrops or blue scilla all look fantastic in grass. For the best effect, just pick one and go nuts with it. Buy plenty, then toss bulbs one handful at a time into the air, planting them where they land. This gives a more natural effect than choosing where to plant each bulb.