Fall Gardening Checklist

FALL GARDEN CLEANUP

- [ ] Pull up annuals that have finished flowering
- [ ] Cut back perennials; add mulch to their crowns
- [ ] Divide overgrown perennials and bulbs
- [ ] Rake fall leaves; make leaf mulch
- [ ] Clean up garden refuse; add it to the compost pile
- [ ] Dig a new lasagna garden bed for spring planting

WILDLIFE TASKS

- [ ] Clean bird baths; add a heater for winter birds
- [ ] Inspect bird houses; add fresh bird seed
- [ ] Leave seed heads on perennials for winter food

TOOLS AND STRUCTURES

- [ ] Clean tools, sharpen their edges and add oil to metal parts
- [ ] Clean plant pots; drain hoses and drip irrigation
- [ ] Store stakes, cages and trellises in a dry place
- [ ] Clean cold frames; bring out frost protection

FALL PLANTING TASKS

- [ ] Plant garlic, cover crops and fall bulbs for spring beds
- [ ] Plant cool-weather flowers for a pop of fall color
- [ ] Take cuttings of annuals; harvest warm weather veggies

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