



# Timely Tips October

## Ornamentals & Lawn

1. Apply *Fertilome Winterizer* to your lawn for good root development before winter.
2. Over seeding your lawn should be done by October 15 if you did not use *Fertilome Weed and Feed* or *Fertilome Crabgrass Preventer*.
3. Spring blooming bulbs may be planted.
4. Finish dividing summer or fall blooming perennials.
5. After a hard frost has occurred, clean off perennial beds and landscape areas and annual plantings. Remove all debris and re-mulch for winter protection.
6. Water evergreens to protect against winter damage and drying out.
7. Plant trees, shrubs and perennials for good root growth before winter.
8. Rejuvenate containers and annual plantings with pansies and kale.
9. Mid-Missouri's average first frost date is between October 15 and October 20.

## Fruits and Veggies

1. Harvest winter squash and pumpkins before frost.
2. Protect plants, which are still actively growing and producing, from frost with row cover or a sheet. The use of plastic coverings can harm plants.

## Houseplants

1. Ready houseplants and tropical plants to come indoors for the winter. Check for insects and treat if necessary.

## Birds & Wildlife

1. Spray *Liquid Fence* on perennials and other tasty plants in your yard to protect from fall deer feedings.
2. Protect trees from fall deer damage by applying tree wrap. Use white plastic to reflect sunlight.
3. Clean and store hummingbird feeders for the winter.