

November brings a welcome change in the weather!

Your November reminders:

1. It is a good time to finish planting pansies and kale for winter color and interest, a great surprise for the spouse to come home to.
2. Sprinkler systems probably need to be winterized to prevent future emergency repairs.
3. Turf needs a pre-emergent applied now (unless it was recently seeded or sodded).
4. Consider a leaf screen over your pond to minimize cleanup and algae next year.
5. Remulching flower bed will help insulate perennials.
6. Leaf removal time will keep you hopping! It is usually fine to delay removing leaves from flower beds until spring, but they must be cleaned off fescue turf regularly or they can smother an otherwise enviable yard before next spring arrives.
7. Rye grass on Bermuda areas will give you year-round green and popularity with the neighbors!
8. Keep in mind for November through February: Large trees are best planted during dormancy, Christmas light displays take some planning, ice melting products should be purchased before you need them, winter watering is important when water is lacking, notice evergreens for specimens you may want to plant next spring, wait to cut tall ornamental grasses until February to retain their height in your winter landscape, and use dormant oil in the trees to prevent certain pests for next spring.
9. Most importantly, enjoy the mild temperatures, brisk fall scents, colorful leaves, and hay rides!