

Falling

Can you feel it? Fall is definitely on its way. While this week we are still looking at warmer than average temperatures, the feel of fall is in the air. The days are unquestionably shorter and the temperatures are starting to decline. It's the perfect time to get your yard ready for the fall. We've come up with a few pointers.

September is here, which means it's time to change your irrigation clock. You may check for your schedule with SNWA.com. Your rose bushes are probably wanting to bloom one more time so get them ready with some light pruning, deadheading any old blooms, and fertilizing. Since we know you have already harvested your summer vegetables, spruce up your garden with some cool season vegetables such as lettuce, carrots, radishes and peas. If you have fruit trees now is the time to give them a final feeding before winter sets in.

Since October is just a few weeks away, begin planning for any plants that need to be replaced. October is a great time of year to plant. The weather is cooler and the plants have enough time to become accustomed to their new home before winter sets in. Cool season flowers are happy to be planted this month as well. Plants such as pansies, stock and kale can give your garden color through the winter.

Take a little time for your yard the next couple of months and you will enjoy a beautiful yard well into spring. Happy Planting!



Kale

Derive happiness in oneself from a good day's work, from illuminating the fog that surrounds us. - Henri Matisse

FAVORITE FLORA: EPIPHEMNUM AUREUM - POTHOS, DEVIL'S IVY



Did you look around your home and office and find a few bare spots that could use a bit of color? Are you looking for a perfect plant to fill that empty space? Well look no further! This is an amazing houseplant. One of the hardiest plants you will find. It can survive even the palest of green thumbs around (we've tested it). You do have to water it of course! If you read last month's article about indoor plants you'll know this plant

is one of our favorites. It's also really good at filtering indoor air. Here at the SLA offices we have eleven pots with this plant in them! Many of them were started from clippings off another plant in the office. These plants are easy to grow and propagate. Just add water and light!

The Pothos thrives in the indoor conditions that may pose a problem to other plants. Such conditions include lower light levels, lower humidity and cooler temperatures. Due to their ability to withstand these conditions and provide fresh air, you will find these plants in shopping centers, medical offices and other indoor spaces. You may place these plants anywhere indoors out of indirect sunlight. To prevent overwatering, water when soil is dry to the touch or if the plant starts to look droopy. These plants like to branch out and spill over their pots. Prune them back if they start to get out of control. You may take the clippings, place in water to root and repot for a new plant.

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