

## GREEN THUMB GARDENING



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## END OF SUMMER GARDEN GUIDE

- \* Daffodil bulbs appreciate being planted early in the fall. Other bulbs such as tulips can be planted right up till the ground freezes. Remember that bulbs love BoneMeal. So when planting be sure to mix a handful into 1 square yard of soil.
- \* Tender, summer flowering bulbs such as Dahlias, Gladioli and Canna Lilies must be dug up and stored indoors. They are not winter hardy. Once the frost has filled off the foliage, cut the stems off leaving a 1-2 inch stub. Dig up bulbs. Place in a dry, protected area (such as garage) to dry for 4-10 days. Then place in a carton with sawdust or peat moss. Store in cool, dry location (such as basement) for the winter.
- \* Spring flowering perennials can be dug up and moved and/or divided into smaller clumps.
- \* Give all evergreen shrubs a deep watering before the ground freezes solid for the winter.
- \* Once the foliage drops off deciduous trees and shrubs they can be safely dug up and transplanted to another location in the yard, if necessary. Use a transplanter fertilizer once it is moved to its new location. Evergreen shrubs and trees can also be moved (transplanted) at this time of year. Newly planted or transplanted evergreens should be protected for the first few winters by wrapping them in burlap.

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