

Home & Garden

Preparing gardens for the harshness of winter

(NC)—Over the past couple of years, gardening has become a favourite hobby for many Canadians and countless hours are spent in gardens across the country throughout spring and summer. Spending a few hours in autumn is also important to help prepare the lawns and gardens for harsh winter weather. The lawn and garden experts at Canadian Tire have these tips to help those with a green

thumb protect their investments throughout the winter months:

- Rake and remove leaves from the lawn.
- Add whole leaves as a protective mulch layer in and around perennials and shrubs. Add excess leaves to compost.
- Wrap tender plants and shrubs in burlap to reduce snow

and wind damage over the winter.

- Cool temperatures are an ideal time for over-seeding lawns. Aerate lawn, overseed with a suitable grass seed mix and apply a fall/winter lawn fertilizer in preparation for spring.



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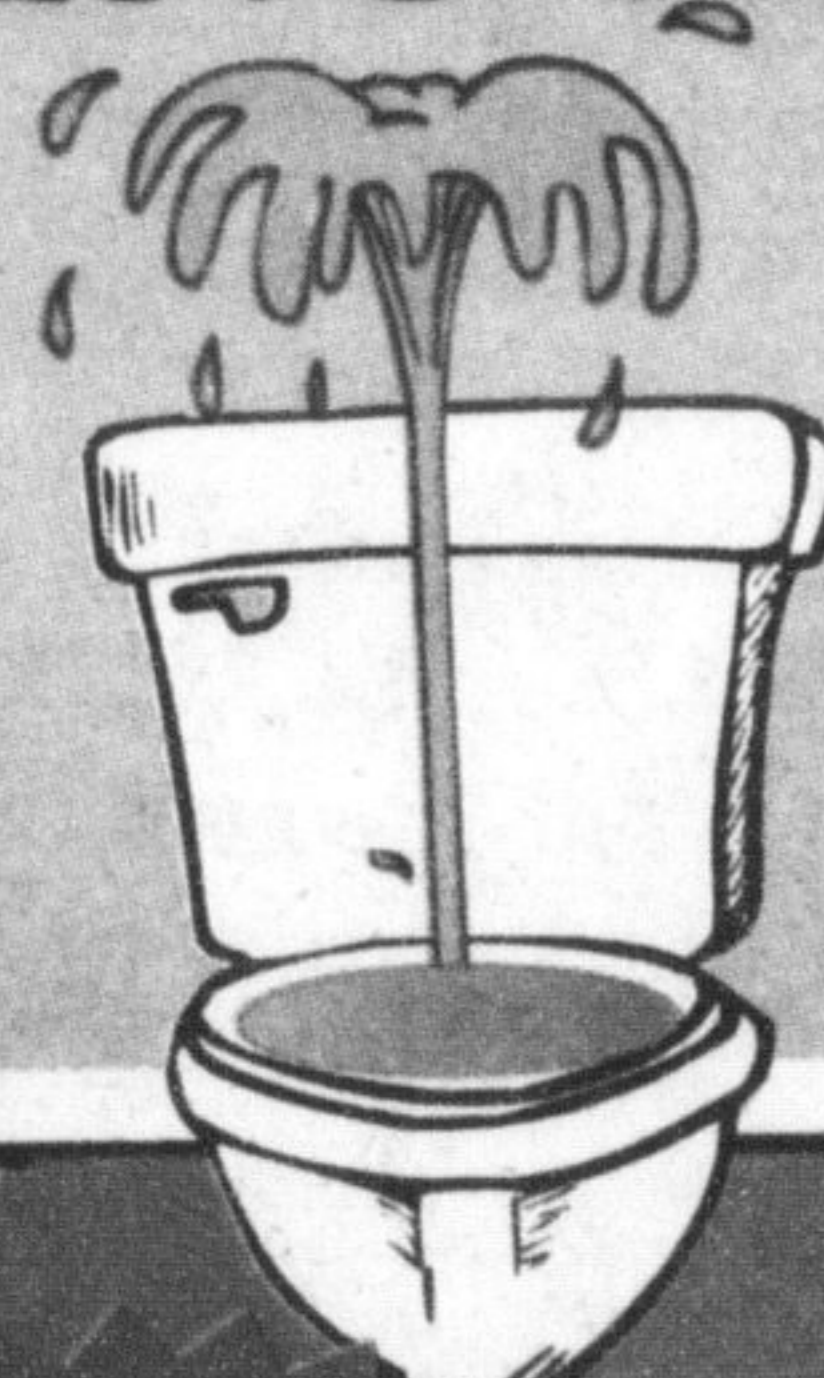
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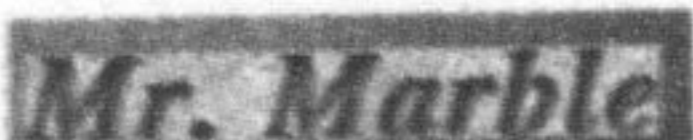
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Cool nights and warm days are traditionally the first signs of fall but for the gardener the first hardy mum to flower reminds us that autumn is here! Fall is a great opportunity to fill the garden with splashes of colour. Fall mums come in a rainbow of colours and shades and are great when planted towards the front of the garden bed, in hanging baskets and containers. Mums can easily replace any spring planted annuals that are starting to look tired or can be placed throughout the garden.

Why not try adding some fall grasses and asters for a complete autumn garden alive with colour and texture? Stop by one of our garden centres this week and be dazzled by the fabulous colours of fall.

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