



# As the Garden Grows Late Summer-Early Fall

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## President's Message

As the dog days of summer transition into Autumn and Fall, it's time to gear-up to plant for a new growing Season.

This is the ideal time for perennials, bulbs, roses, herbs, trees as well as leaf and root vegetables. The coming cooler weather is helpful in getting plants established before the summer heat returns.

Composting kitchen scraps, grass clippings and other compostable material provides organic matter to amend the garden soil.

Keep in mind plants that might be ideal for the Spring Plant Sale that will take place in 2022.

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## September is:

- Fruit and Vegetable Month in Elementary Schools
- National Organic Harvest Month
- Labor Day (6<sup>th</sup>)
- Beginning of GMG Class (14<sup>th</sup>)
- First Day of Autumn (22<sup>nd</sup>)
- National Teach Agriculture Day (26<sup>th</sup>)

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## [Around the Garden This Month](#)

<b>Soil:</b> Start or continue to compost. Mulch where needed.	<b>Water:</b> Deep water trees and continue watering plants as needed.
<b>Fertilize</b> roses and fall blooming perennials.	<b>Lawns:</b> Continue to mow and water.
<b>Maintenance:</b> Dead head flowers. Prune reblooming roses no more than 1/3. Shear hedges.	<b>Bulbs/Rhizomes and Herbs:</b> Divide and transplant Iris, Cannes, Daylilies, Liriope and Amaryllis. Order your bulbs and herb seeds (except for heat loving Basil) for Fall planting. Shear back ragged looking herbs, fertilize and water.

Summer hardy vegetables like okra, peppers, tomatoes, eggplant and winter squash or flowers like zinnias, periwinkles and impatiens can be left to produce and bloom. Check locally for cool weather vegetables to be transplanted in early September or directly seed them.

September 1: Time to plant snap bush beans, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, cucumbers, potatoes.

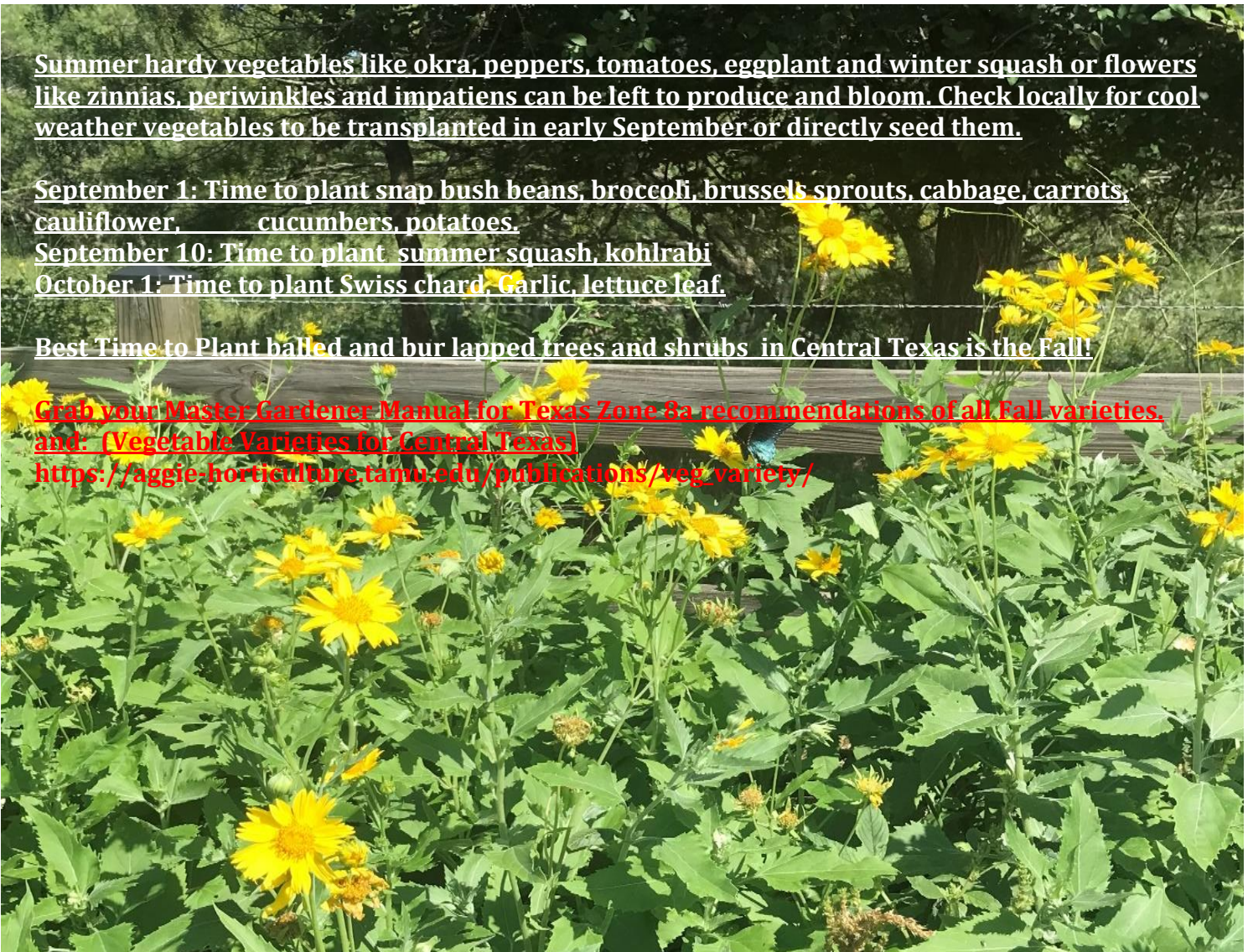
September 10: Time to plant summer squash, kohlrabi

October 1: Time to plant Swiss chard, Garlic, lettuce leaf.

Best Time to Plant balled and bur lapped trees and shrubs in Central Texas is the Fall!

Grab your Master Gardener Manual for Texas Zone 8a recommendations of all Fall varieties, and: [\(Vegetable Varieties for Central Texas\)](#)

[https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/publications/veg\\_variety/](https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/publications/veg_variety/)





## In The Vegetable Garden

Contributed by Editor

You might think that the hot days of summer are the times to get into the shade, but a few of my Spring Plant Sale purchases are thriving in this heat. My Big Bertha and Cubanelle Peppers are doing great, still producing, and with the summer sun, a little water and plenty of mulch they are not just growing green, but turning shiny yellow, orange and red.

## Master Gardeners: A Poem

By: Lorraine Remer

Got a question? Ask me now  
 You say your plants are dying and you don't know how?  
 And the pests are flying and eating crops and the leaves are curling and starting to drop?  
 Not to worry because We've got answers, right here now.  
 Here to help you, we know how-in the garden or in the yard or in your pots, we've got answers for you  
 now.  
 Be assured, MGs' will set you right  
 And here's the best answer that is true- "I'm not sure what the answer is to your plight, but I'll look it up  
 and get back to you. "  
 You might need organic-But I'll get back to you!!  
 So, give us a call or stop on by-because MGs' have answers above the rest!  
 MG's have answers that are the best!  
 MGs' love to be put to the test!





## [Journaling Through the Seasons](#)

[Contributed by Editor](#)

Journaling is a great way to keep a record of gardening for any season, and it is highly recommended. A journal can take many shapes and forms: spiral or composition notebooks, loose-leaf paper in a 3-ring binder, on your computer's word program, using a free journal and planning pages online, or you can purchase dedicated Garden Journal Notebooks from your favorite Garden Supply, and some are even waterproof! If you like to draw and color flowers, herbs, vegetables, fruits and insects, make room in your journal. Watercolor drawings and, pencil sketches enhance your records. Drawing a plan of your garden or landscape plan at the start of the season is an important way to decide on location and varieties before going through the expense and labor of preparing beds and planting.

As a Master Gardener enthusiast, you may have already taken this step to keep a permanent record of your seasonal accomplishments and personalized your journal for your personal gardening needs. Your journaling efforts will be rewarded at the end of each harvest or growing season whether it was successful or not. Your journal might help answer questions and improve future results: For example, did all your seeds germinate on time? Was there pollination? What types of diseases or insects were in the garden? How did you deal with pests and disease? Writing down what works for you or how you could better your efforts are part of the journaling reward. You might even want to discuss your garden with other Master Gardeners and take your journal along to compare notes. Then, you might want to refer to your journal when planning future gardening



September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Last Day to Turn in GMG Class Registration	2 Monthly Meeting 	3	4
5	6 	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 First Day of GMG Class #1 Intro 	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 First Day of Autumn 	23	24	25
26	27	28 GMG Class #2 Botany 	29	30 GMG Board Meeting and Volunteer Hours Due		



**In the October Issue:**

- *Seasonal Fall Flowers*
- *Bulb Planting*
- *More Garden Plans and Maintenance*
- *Any articles, observations, jokes, photos with captions, advice, questions for or submitted.*

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