

WELCOME FALL

Fall Gardening

As summer fades and the leaves began to fade from lush green to shades of amber and russet orange, the days grow shorter and evening time at dusk and sunset extends. Yet for many, particularly in Western climes, the weather is especially mild in the early autumn, when coastal fogs retreat and balmy temperatures still prevail. Yet as seasons change it is also a good time to think about your garden environment, and plan to make adjustments for the wetter season just around the corner.



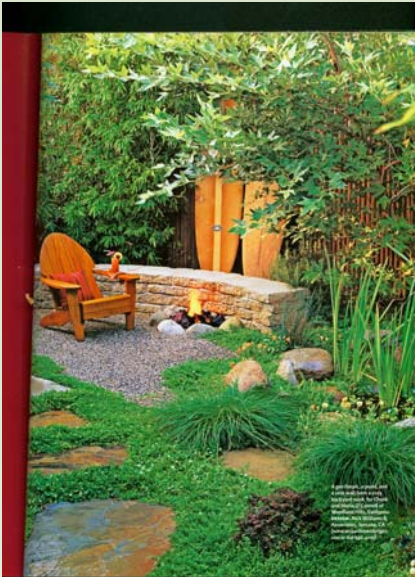
One place to start is with lighting. As the days begin to shorten with autumn, the comfortable temperatures may still draw you out onto your patio or into your garden or yard in the evening, but this is a great time to check to see if you will need to augment, replace or upgrade the outdoor lighting.



The Nick Williams Collection offers a wonderful assortment of lighting options, with a line of elegantly styled outdoor lights, such as the popular Candle or Mica lights, to help you set just the right mood and ambience in your fall garden, while keeping the space livable and functional as daylight fades.

The “Candelier,” for example is a unique fixture that can be hung from trees, overhead ceiling areas, etc. and will create wonderfully warm ambient lighting in style. Another option is low voltage L.E.D. lights, engineered to be safe, energy efficient, earth friendly and sustainable, and these are available in a number of new lighting fixtures.





Of course a fire in that outdoor fireplace is sure to add warmth and light as well. And this is the perfect time of year for elegant evening dining out of doors, or gatherings around a homey, well styled fire pit for conversation and wine after the meal.



Elsewhere in the garden there are many things you can think about to take the best advantage of the season. Think COLOR and TEXTURE as Autumn draws near.

These are a few of our “faves” for Fall planting.

- *Crown Pansies (*these are “clear faced” pansies that are solid in color, with no white variegation) in blue, white, orange and cream
- Lobelia “Crystal Palace” (a dark purple/blue)
- Green leaf begonias
- Impatiens (only use these in areas that do not experience near-freezing temperatures)
- Snap Dragons (these are used if there’s a problem with rabbits)
- Calendulas in yellow and orange (also a good choice if there is a problem with rabbits)



Orange is always a good choice for Fall color – long associated with fire in the minds of skilled Feng Shui designers, orange is also a very social color that promotes conversation and good times with its hearty mood. It’s an energetic color that can add a feeling of life and creativity – a kind of “second Spring” to your garden.

While you’re busy with fall perennials, it’s also wise to take a look ahead to next spring, because if you want those lovely Daffodils, Tulips, Hyacinths, Crocus and other fall flowers to be there for you in the spring, now is the time to get fresh bulbs planted. You want to plant them to a depth three time the height of the bulb itself, and space them about two inches apart. You can protect them from digging rodents by simply adding a little pea gravel above the planting site.



And if you grow vegetables in your garden, now is also the time to get seeds down so they can lie fallow through the winter. Peas, fava beans, spinach, and spring cabbage are always good choices for planting in the autumn.



The cooler weather will also promote new root growth for shrubs, so it's a great time to consider adding new shrubbery to the landscape, or to fertilize the plants you have now.

When you call on us to do your Fall Planting, you'll find that we take things into consideration that many home gardens might otherwise overlook such as contrast, depth, overall visual interest by using plants with interesting shapes, color and texture that contribute to the overall design.

And finally, think about calling NICK WILLIAMS AND ASSOCIATES to help you get your garden "Fall Planted and Winter Ready" ! 818-222-7477

NICK'S FALL TIPS

Fall Garden / Patio Check List!

- Time to check your outdoor lighting for needed maintenance and upgrades.
- Think about places in your yard that you can "warm up" using ambient lighting(*talk to Nick about his new line of outdoor lighting, including the new Luna Candle Walkway Light, Mica walkway light, and Candelier hanging lights)
- Consider bringing in the Fire elements-- by adding an outdoor fireplace or firepit
- Be sure to check the maintenance on your existing fireplace and firepit, particularly if gas is involved
- Check and clear all your drains for the coming rainy season.
- Clean your roof gutters
- Plant Fall Color in the garden
- Plant new trees & shrubs now to get a headstart using winter rains for root growth & development
- Start planning your Fall/Winter veggie garden
- Fertilize trees and shrubs before Winter
- Time to plant your bulbs for next Spring's daffodils and other Spring color
- Restock your bird feeders



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