

November Tasks

What kinds of things tasks should you be considering for November? Here is a suggested list.

- Don't throw away that Halloween pumpkin! Squirrels love pumpkins. Instead, put the pumpkin at the back of your garden to be enjoyed by wildlife.
- November is a great time to plant roses and woody ornamental shrubs. Their roots can get established before the colder winter months giving them a head start over shrubs that are planted in the spring. Just remember to protect them if an unexpected early frost comes.
- As your leaves fall from the trees, you might be tempted to bag them and send them to a landfill. Instead, consider these [Earth-Kind® principles to handle yard waste](#).
- Now that the heat has passed and the weather is cooler but not cold, add a layer of mulch to your garden beds. This will help protect the roots from freeze damage in the coming winter months. As added benefits, mulch helps control weeds reducing your weeding work and helps soil retain water reducing your watering needs. Two to six inches of mulch are recommended depending on the type of mulch and the garden bed. Learn [more about mulching](#) from Aggie Horticulture.
- Take care of your winter vegetable garden. Winter vegetables still need to be fertilized. Also, if there is little rain, make sure to water as needed.
- If you want to transplant a shrub, late November is a good time to do so. Because the plants are dormant, they will not suffer as much shock as transplanting during their growing season.
- If you have tender plants that you want to protect from the winter, you might consider digging them up and putting them in pots that can be easily moved into protected spots during freezes.
- Gather up materials to protect immovable plants during freezes. Learn [how to protect your plants](#).



November Color in Fort Bend County

Your garden does not have to look bleak after your dependable summer bloomers stop blooming. Instead, make sure to add some of these plants to your garden for color in November.

- Check out the [Texas Tree Planting Guide](#) to find trees for fall color
- To find flowers that bloom in the fall, use the [Earth-Kind® Plant Selector](#), enter your zip code and select Find Region, and then under Blooming choose Bloom Period Fall. You will find a delightful selection of fall bloomers.

You might want to visit the Fort Bend County Master Gardeners' Demonstration Gardens at the AgriLife Extension office in Rosenberg to be inspired by what is blooming there.



Blue Mist Flower or Ageratum