



SEPTEMBER GARDEN CHECKLIST

Plants to Prune or Tidy Now

1. Lavender — Remove spent blooms and lightly shape. Don't cut into old woody stems.
2. Wisteria — Shorten long summer shoots to control growth and encourage flowering spurs.
3. Salvia — Deadhead and lightly cut back leggy growth. You may get another fall bloom.
4. Roses — Deadhead and remove dead or damaged growth. Save the hard pruning for winter.
5. Geraniums — Remove spent flowers and trim back long, leggy stems.
6. Catmint — Shear back tired flowers and sprawling growth to encourage fresh foliage.
7. Yarrow — Remove spent flower stalks and tired foliage. Leave a few seed heads if you'd like volunteers.
8. Agapanthus — Cut spent flower stalks at the base, but leave the green foliage.
9. Daylilies — Remove old flower stalks and yellowing leaves. Keep healthy green foliage.
10. Summer Perennials — Deadhead coreopsis and other summer bloomers and lightly tidy tired growth.



Plants to Leave Alone

1. Peonies — Keep healthy green foliage. Cut back only after it yellows or dies naturally.
2. Bleeding Heart — Remove foliage only after it has naturally yellowed or died back.
3. Azaleas & Camellias — Avoid fall pruning. You may remove next year's flower buds.
4. Hydrangeas — Know your variety before pruning; some bloom on old wood.
5. Citrus — Remove dead or damaged branches if necessary, but avoid major pruning now.

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