

The Village Garden Center's August 2008 Garden Club Newsletter



Fall is just around the corner, and soon we will have frost back on the ground again. Last night's hail in Torrington reminded me of winter once again. Luckily that is not quite as close as fall. Here are some things you might want to consider as you get your yard ready for the changing of the seasons.

If you regularly dead head your shrub roses, now is the time to stop if you want rose hips. The hips are the most fragrant part of the rose. They are great for making potpourri, crafting, and some birds use them as winter food. Plus they look great! Some varieties have prettier hips than blooms.

Did you know.....Mulch isn't used to keep the cold from damaging perennials and well established plants, but to maintain a uniform soil temperature. Freezing and thawing can heave plants from the soil, exposing roots to the drying winter winds and sun

Did you know.....Approximately six weeks before the first hard freeze is expected is a good time to think about dividing some of your crowded spring perennials. It is a good idea to know your plants though, since not all perennials need to be divided.

You've heard me say before that the messiest yard in the fall and winter is the prettiest yard in the spring. So, even if you want to clean up all of those perennials and grasses, it is a better idea to leave them alone until spring. It is a hard look to get used to, but your plants will thank you for it. I still do some deadheading of plants that I don't want to get out of control. Some examples

are Coneflower and Russian Sage. After the first hard freeze remember to cut your Butterfly Bush back.

Most important-if you didn't mulch in the spring, make sure you do it now. Mulch will help your plants and trees winter over, particularly if they are a zone 5.

August Garden Club Seminar

August 23rd, 10:00am

Note Change of Schedule:

This month's garden club meeting will be on the 4th Saturday of the month. I have market in Denver on the third week and will be unable to attend.

Thank you for your patience. Mēgan

September Garden Club Special

30% off

Fall Silks (limit 4)

Jirdon Winterizer (limit 1)

Yankee Candle 22 oz. -choice of scent (limit 1)

REMINDERS: Our garden walk is this Saturday, August 9th.

Meet at the store at 7:00am, we will drive to the different gardens from here.