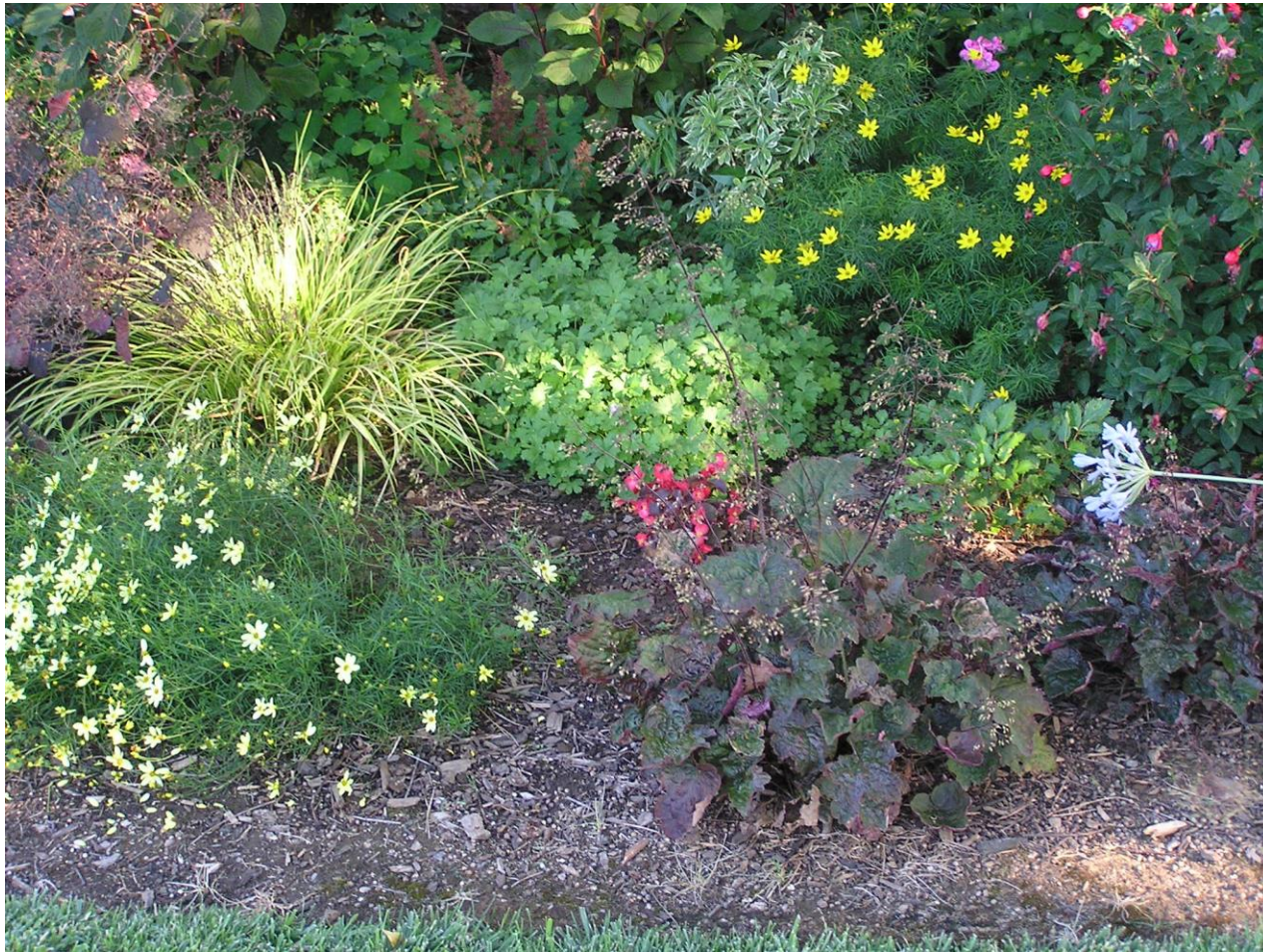


GARDEN WORK IN THE FALL







FIRST THINGS TO DO IN THE FALL

Finish summer work:

- Pruning
- Weeding
- Clean up debris from the landscape
- Raise low branches from trees
- Adjust irrigation system

More things to do in the fall

Do you want to improve your lawn?

- Winter fertilization
- N-P-K Weed Control
- Fall is the best time to add lawn seed and improve your stand of turf
- Best if you power rake the lawn, add soil to fill in the low spots and aerate
- Then add seed and rake it in
- Adjust irrigation system for new seed

Adding grass seed



Other things to do in the fall

Do you want to grow a winter vegetable garden?

- Rototill the soil
- Pre germinate seeds indoors
- Plant seeds in the soil
- Adjust water if automatic or get out the hose



This is a great time to add plants in your garden?

- Figure out where you need new plants
- New landscape or just filling in bare areas?
- Decide what you need: Height and spread of mature plants
- Don't be persuaded by what looks great at the nursery. First plants you see look the best
- Don't over buy. You can get more plants later
- Plant bulbs for spring flowers. Seed non irrigated areas for more spring flowers

Coprosma Mirror Plant



Trailing Lantana



Golden Euonymus



Chinese Fringe Flower



Santa Barbara Daisy



Santolina Lavender Cotton



Carpet Rose



Salvia greggii Lipstick Salvia



ORNAMENTAL GRASSES CAN BE FUN TO GROW

Some of my favorites include:

- Calamagrostis Karl Foerster Feather Reed Grass
- Lomandra Breeze
- Blue Fescue and Blue Oat Grass
- Pennisetum Various varieties of Fountain Grass
- Carex Lots of varieties some green some colored
- Miscanthus Silver Grass
- Pink Muhly and CA Deer Grass

DO YOUR TREES NEED TRIMMING?

- Some people prune crape myrtles back
- When you can see into deciduous trees; thin out where necessary
- Prune for safety
- Remove dead wood and crossing branches
- Raise lower branches
- Cut out suckers and water sprouts



TREE PRUNING









HARD PRUNING



Plants that may need hard pruning in the winter:

- All types of roses
- Perennials like salvia, lavender, butterfly bush, Coreopsis, lantana and penstemon
- Ornamental grass like fountain grass, Silver grass, California deer grass
- Vines like wisteria and banks rose



Clean and maintain your equipment before you put it to bed for the winter

- Clean the mower deck underneath of old grass and debris
- Clean the tires
- Clean air filters on mower, edgers, weed eaters and blowers

Irrigation system:

- One last sprinkler check
- Turn the timer to OFF
- Turn the water main OFF to the sprinkler system (Hopefully it is on it's own shutoff)
- Pray for rain









LANDSCAPES GONE BAD









