Fall Garden Preparation Checklist

Clean Up Garden Beds



Remove dead plants and annuals.

Prune dead or diseased branches.

Rake and compost leaves (avoid diseased plants).

Add Organic Matter

Spread compost, aged manure, or shredded leaves.

Turn the soil to incorporate organic matter.

Plant Fall Crops



Plant garlic, onions, and shallots.

Sow leafy greens like kale and spinach.

Add cover crops like clover or rye.

Mulch Beds and Protect Plants

Apply 2-4 inches of mulch around perennials and on empty beds.

Wrap sensitive plants (e.g., roses) with burlap.

Divide and Transplant Perennials

Dig up perennials like daylilies and hostas.

Separate clumps and replant healthy divisions.

Prep Trees and Shrubs



Prune dead or damaged branches.



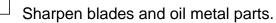
Apply slow-release fertilizer.

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Water deeply before the first frost.

Clean and Store Tools

Scrub tools to remove dirt and rust.



Store tools in a dry, sheltered area.

Plan for Spring

Sketch a garden layout and note improvements.

Order spring bulbs like tulips and daffodils.

List seeds and plants for next season.