# **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.



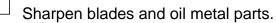
Apply slow-release fertilizer.

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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.