

## Cynthia Brian's End of November Garden Guide

- **PROTECT** patio furniture by covering with machine-washable covers or clear plastic or put away for the winter in a storage shed.
- **DIG** bulbs now. Bulbs that do well in our area, including tulips, crocus and daffodils, are available in nurseries and garden centers.
- **FERTILIZE** lawns.
- **PHOTOGRAPH** the changing colors of the autumn trees and shrubs.
- **RAKE** leaves and add to your compost pile.
- **TOP DRESS** garden with mulch and amendments.
- **PULL** out dead annuals.
- **DEADHEAD** roses to continue the blooming season.
- **ADD** solar-powered, weather-resistant garden lights to illuminate paths for winter darkness.
- **CLEAN** gutters and make sure downspouts are unclogged.
- **FIX** vent screens, broken foundation, and roof shakes and remove brush and wood piles from the perimeter of your house to deter mice and rats from building their winter abode.
- **REPAIR** garden tools and equipment before storing.
- **MOVE** containers of frost-prone plants to a covered area near the house or wrap with burlap.
- **THANK YOU** for being such dedicated readers of Digging Deep. I wish you a very healthy and happy Thanksgiving.



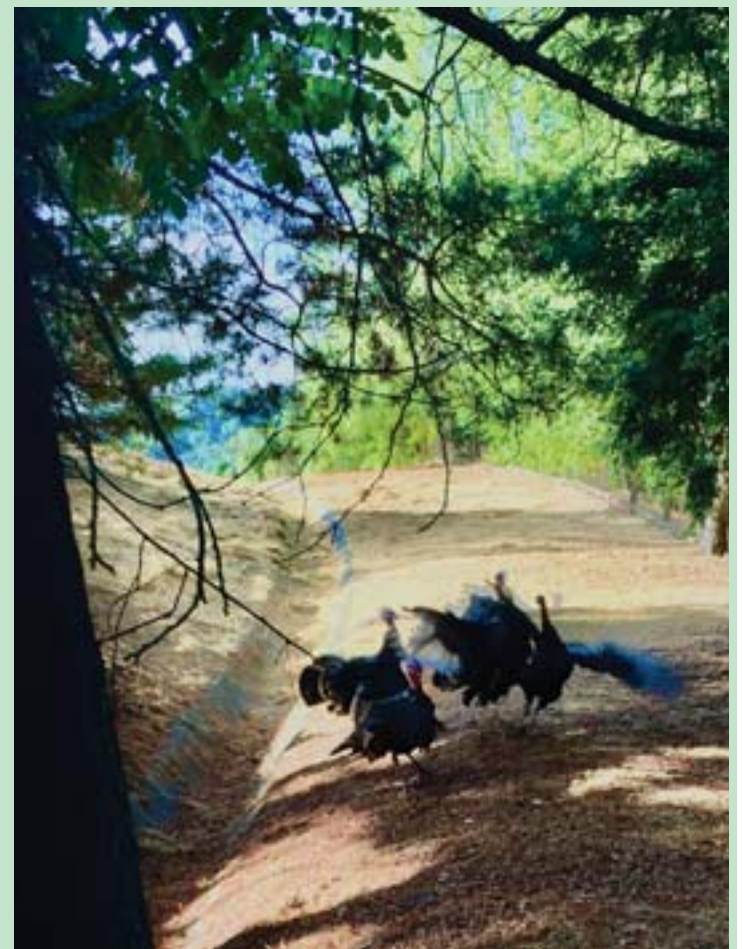
The mustard yellow leaves on the Japanese Maple.



Four days later, the yellow leaves have turned to burnt fireworks orange.



Top dressing on lawn to enrich the soil and cover the seeds.



Tom turkeys fighting before Thanksgiving!