

The Goddess Gardener's September Gardening Guide

- **DEEP SOAK** roots of trees in need with a soaker hose during dry spells.
- **REMOVE** aphids on plants by mixing into a spray bottle two tablespoons of dishwashing liquid. Spray affected plants daily to smother the aphids.
- **HARVEST** apples, Asian pears, Bartlett pears, grapes, blackberries, tomatoes, prickly pear, and quince.
- **CUT** and dry big heads of hydrangeas for indoor bouquets.
- **PLAN** to plant cover crops to add maximum benefits to your soil over the winter. Fall mixes can include seeds of legumes, grass, grains, brassica, vetch, rye, clover, and radish. These will suppress weeds, add aeration, and increase soil aggregation.
- **SEND** a plant off to college with your student to keep the indoor air clean while offering memory and concentration improvement. Prayer plants, peace lilies, pothos, and snake plants are easy-to-grow specimens that will acclimate well to dorm rooms.
- **SAVE** seeds from your favorite perennials.
- **DEADHEAD** roses for several more flurries of blooms before January.
- **PRUNE** a shrub into a creative topiary!
- **ENJOY** the bright colors of impatiens in borders and beds.
- **RELISH** your roots!

Happy Gardening! Happy Growing!



Chinese fringe flowers with a spiral topiary.



Continue to deadhead roses for continual blooms.



Prickly pear fruits are delicious. Wear gloves when peeling.

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