

## **HORTICULTURE TIPS:** October 8, 2014, from Jeanne Nevard



Welcome to the fall planting season! Fall is the best to plant perennials because:

1. Its cooler & usually rainier- much better for transplants
2. You can get bargains at the nurseries
3. There are a few months to get plants' roots established
4. Less work to do in the spring
5. Can enjoy the fruits of your labors with established plants- ready to bloom the following spring & summer season

Try out new perennials & shrubs such as:

1. Winterberries & viburnums- bonus food for the birds
2. Ornamental grasses- adds movement to the garden
3. Uncommon bulbs- aconite, early species crocus, camassia, fritillaria, Spanish bluebells, foxtail lily, allium, and fall blooming crocus- colchicum
4. Unusual perennials-angelica, crocosmia, sea holly, tiger eyes sumac, beauty berry

Add some fall color:

1. Perennial fall bloomers include: turtlehead, toad lily, Montauk or nippon daisy, monkshood, & Japanese anemone
2. Fall grasses show their tassels & fall hues
3. Intense shrub foliage include: clethra, itea- 'Henry's Garnet', blueberry, fothergilla, and acer griseum- exfoliating paper bark maple, to name a few

Lime and compost then put your gardens to bed! The topic for next month.

**YOUR NOTES BELOW:**