

SEPTEMBER GARDEN TIPS

Start planting bulbs for spring color. Daffodils planted in a group of a dozen or so will make an impressive impact. Dig holes 6-8".

Depending on the weather, start thinking about bringing in any plants you want to winter over in the house. As a rule, I try to have them in for about 2 weeks without either air conditioning or heat. Some may have to be repotted and don't over water.



Begonias can make wonderful houseplants and provide color throughout the winter.

Fall is usually a great time for planting - new perennials or dividing old, trees and shrubs. Just make sure you keep them watered if we don't have enough rain - at least 1" per week.

Collect and dispose of fallen rose petals - they tend to harbor insects and disease.

Still time for planting a few fall veggies - lettuce, spinach, kale.

You can wrap green tomatoes in newspaper to ripen gradually into the fall. Store in a cool, dark place in a single layer. OR try fried green



tomatoes. Got 2 tips from people at the Farmer's Market last week. Use cornmeal / try slicing them very thin and they will be crispy - almost like potato chips.

Until the next thyme, Gwen