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NOVEMBER.... *The In Between Month!*

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There is more to gardening in the month of November besides the end of season clearance sales. Not saying that they aren't one of the *BEST* parts just that we are lucky living here and there is always something that can be done in our gardens. Applying compost and mulching your plants this month is very important for healthy plants next spring. If you have a few moments after reading our newsletter I have attached a link to the Victoria Compost Centre, well worth checking out.

I know a lot of people don't appreciate the rush into Christmas, but I and a lot of Marigold staff just cant wait, we love it. Throughout the next couple of weeks we will be transforming our store into an early winter wonderland. We have got new and fascinating ornaments along with new home decorating ideas for the holidays. Poinsettias are coming along fantastic in the greenhouses and the sight of them changing colours is sooooo beautiful.

Our Fall Harvest Sale is still on and the savings to be had are fantastic! If you have been holding off on buying those perennials that you might have been admiring all summer long or the hedge that is missing a space and you just haven't got around to replacing it now is a great time to buy and *plant*.

We live in a place where we can garden year round, if you choose, and if not now is the time to sit back and relax and maybe start and indoor project. (or not)



Cheers,

Brooke Smith

PLANT PICKS AND TASKS FOR NOVEMBER

AWESOME PLANT CHOICES FOR WINTER COLOUR

Winter Pansies

Winter Flowering Heather

Beautyberry (*Callicarpa japonica*) Amazing iridescent purple berries throughout the winter.
Boxwood

DECORATING INDOORS

We have a great, recently remodeled, tropical house that is definitely worth checking out.

Orchids - Many varieties
Tropicals - Many varieties
Flowering Indoor Plants



RECIPES FOR A FANTASTIC FALL/WINTER CONTAINER.



Skimmia 'Ruby King', Hebe, Variegated Carex, White Pansies, Variegated Ivy. This container will last for seasons and has interest for every part of the year.

TASKS AT HAND FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

- Add compost and mulch to your garden beds www.compost.bc.ca
- Rake leaves. HAHAHA and then rake again. There are some leaves that you should not compost or use as leaf mulch. Walnut, pecan, eucalyptus, arbutus, and holly.
- Fertilize your lawn with a fall/winter fertilizer if you have not done so already.
- Harvest any remaining veggies. Flavour is often improved after a little frost.
- Clean and oil your tools for winter storage. Roll your hoses up and store them before any damage can happen to them from the weather.
- FEED THE BIRDS!!!!!!
- Throw fading plants (that are disease free) into the compost pile.
- Mist your indoor plants. With the heat now being turned on in our homes the air is dry. Misting your plants will help keep them healthy along with keeping pests such as spider mites away.
- Cut your garden mums back to about 2-4 inches once faded away. Apply a little mulch and wait until next fall to enjoy.
- If you have not finished planting your bulbs now is a great time. Don't wait too much longer if planning to put them in the ground, just *in case* it freezes for the season. If planning on putting your bulbs in pots no big rush. Make sure to keep your bulbs dry in the mean time.

At Marigold we are always looking for some different helpful hints. If you have a gardening or helpful household tip and would like to share it email it to brooke@marigoldnurseries.com



OCTOBER WAS A FUN MONTH FOR KIDS CLUB!

Marigold Nurseries Kids Club is a fun, free and educational event held once a month at our garden centre. We have had kids club running now for a year and a half with lots of success. Kids have sooo much fun coming to the nursery and learning about gardening. We do lots of different activities each month that have to do with whats going on outside and in our yards.

Our next event is on November 18th from 2-3. If you would like to receive emails about upcoming events for kids club register online at our website www.marigoldnurseries.com/kidsclub.php#register . Every age is welcome and encouraged.

UP AND COMING SALES AND EVENTS

Fall Harvest Sale

www.marigoldnurseries.com/specials.php

10th Annual Customer Appreciation Day

December 6th 8:00am until 8:00 pm.

Join us for a full day of great sales, seminars, door prizes and refreshments. There will even be a visit from Santa Clause and Mrs. Clause! We are open all day and hope to see everyone at this fun event.

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING SEMINAR DEC 1ST

Must register ahead of time. Get full details in store.
Phone to register 652 2342

CHRISTMAS MIXED FRESH GREENS HANGING BASKET SEMINAR DEC 8TH

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If your not coming in for the outdoor sales come in to check out the amazing display of indoor plants. And while here ask to check out the greenhouses of poinsettias. We are always willing to show people around to let them see how everything is done. We are proud to grow a lot of our

own products and love to show you and take you on a tour at **no charge** to show you how its done.

See ya soon!

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