



Highland Springs Garden Club

October 7, 2025 Meeting Presentation

Old Farmer's Almanac Fall/Winter Garden To-Do

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1. Per the National Gardening Association, there is a 10% probability that Dallas will get its first freeze by November 4th with a 50% probability of getting the first freeze November 25th
<https://garden.org/apps/frost-dates/Dallas,%20Texas/> . Harvest vegetables that do not tolerate frost/cold: tomatoes, zucchini, peas, beans, winter squash & pumpkins.
2. Prepare herbs for Winter
 - a. Sage is a perennial but frost stops growth. So cut some to dry for Thanksgiving
 - b. Rosemary should be protected or brought inside
 - c. Basil won't survive a winter so dig some up and bring it inside in small pots.
 - d. Mulch oregano
3. Add some compost/manure before the ground freezes. Then add a light layer of straw to prevent soil erosion or sow a cover crop such as winter rye to improve the soil.
4. Prune raspberries, plant blackberries, mulch blueberries and strawberries.
5. Winterize roses by mulching, removing dead/diseased canes.
6. Empty any outdoor containers and store them upside down.

Thoughts on 2026

1. Start planning for the spring.
2. Decide what type of till-and-fill (if any) you want for 2026.
3. Per the National Gardening Association, there is a 10% probability that Dallas will get its last freeze on March 28th with a 50% probability the last freeze will occur on March 3rd.
4. If you plan to grow tomatoes/peppers from seed, they need to be started 6-to-8 weeks before the last frost, if you want an earlier crop.
5. Flower seeds, such as zinnias, should be sown outdoors after last frost.

Upcoming area gardening events:

- 2025 Aquaponics Workshop, Friday, 24 Oct. 2025 at Dallas A&M Center. Registration \$30 online, <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/hort-ev-058>
- Collin County Master Gardener Association fall plant sale on Saturday, 25 October 2025 at the Myers Park Show Barn, 7117 County Road 166, McKinney, Texas. Free parking, no entry fee, sales tax free.
<https://ccmgatx.org/events/fall-plant-sale/>
- Collin County Master Gardener Association Fall Gardening Workshop, Myers Park Landing, Oct 11, 2025, tickets \$15,
https://ccmgatx.org/events/workshops#pos_3795