

# Ferguson's Garden Club



## Welcome to Ferguson's Garden Club!

We are glad you're here! We are excited to begin this new adventure with you all! Our goal in creating a garden club is to provide a platform for individuals to connect over their love for gardening. It is a new space for gardeners of all types and levels to learn and share their passion. Garden club will encompass all forms of gardening from houseplants, to trees, to seeds and everything in between!

The summer season is winding down, but there is still a lot happening here at the garden center! Fall annuals and decor have all arrived and they are just what you need to make your indoor or outdoor space more cozy. This year we even took a swing at growing some of our very own fall mums! We are staying busy working on our custom fall planters for local businesses and customers. This time of year we also get to do a lot of learning! We are always excited to try new things and see what we can do better for next year!



## FALL IS A GREAT TIME TO PLANT!

While we whole-heartedly believe that any time is a great time to plant trees, shrubs, and perennials as long as you are around to water and keep an eye on the new plants; it is also very true that fall is a fabulous time to make additions to your landscape and gardens. In the late summer and fall the soil is still warm so the roots will grow quickly and be very healthy; there is less heat, water and pest stress on the new plants (and you); and you will get a great head-start on things for next year. Once you get everything planted, we strongly suggest that you use *Fertilome Root Stimulator* to encourage early and vigorous root development which helps reduce transplant shock. It is also helpful to use a wood mulch around the plants to help maintain moisture and cut down on the possibility of extreme temperature fluctuations which can hurt the new roots.

## FALL WATERING

One of the most common questions we hear is “how much should I water my new plant?” and its related query, “do I have to water my (insert plant name here) since it has been in the ground for awhile?”

Unfortunately, the only short answer to these questions is “it depends” – it depends on your soil, the weather, the type and size of the plant, the weather, your soil, what else is planted around it, the weather, your soil...you get the idea. 😊 In general, we recommend watering new plantings thoroughly every day or two for larger plants (even up to 5-10 gallons of water if it is hot or your soil drains quickly). Smaller plants can possibly be done less often as long as you give them a good soaking each time.



A very common mistake is to give things a tiny sip a couple of times a day or when it looks wilted. This doesn't allow for good root development and stresses the plant because it is in a constant cycle of needing water. Another thing that can happen is over-watering – keeping the ground continuously saturated does not allow oxygen to get

Test with a screwdriver, a stick, or your finger to see when it is time.

Ultimately, while it is hard to believe that we could need to water after all the rain this spring, the top sixteen or so inches of the soil have really dried out during the last month. A lot of plants are showing signs of water stress and

to the roots and can cause root rot. To avoid either extreme, water deeply enough to saturate the top 6-12 inches of the soil either with a bucket or a hose on a slow trickle all the way around the root ball (lawn sprinkler systems only saturate the top inch or two so that's not enough) and then wait until the top few inches are dry before watering again.



could use a good drink (see above) more often.

Evergreens and trees will really benefit from having adequate water prior to the ground freezing this winter. So grab a good hose (if you have a favorite, please let us know what it is) and spend some time enjoying what you have planted and making sure it is healthy and ready for a long life :)

### Sweet Autumn Clematis

Sweet Autumn Clematis is a garden gem that dazzles with its late summer to fall display of fragrant, star-shaped white flowers. This fast-growing vine quickly covers trellises and fences, offering a lush, cascading effect. Its low-maintenance nature and adaptability to various soil conditions make it both beautiful and reliable, adding a touch of elegance and fragrance to any garden.

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## BRINGING PLANTS INSIDE FOR THE WINTER

As the days grow shorter and the temperatures begin to drop, it's time to think about bringing your houseplants indoors for the winter. Whether you've enjoyed them on your patio or in your garden, they will need a little extra care when transitioning them back inside. We highly recommend using *Indoor/Outdoor Insect Spray* and *Systemic Insect Granules* to prevent and get rid of pests!

- 1.) Check for insects/pests
- 2.) Spray and prevent pests
- 3.) Find the right spot in your home with adequate lighting
- 4.) Adjust your watering schedule for its new environment

It is completely normal for your plant to lose a couple of leaves or show signs of stress! Be patient as they acclimate to their new home!



## September Events

### Native Plant Walk and Talk With Barb

September 14  
10:30am

Learn more about native plants to our area and why you should plant them!

### Garden Club Meeting

September 21  
10:30am

Connect with others about what is going well and what you need help with in your garden!

### Houseplant Happy Hour

September 26  
4-6pm

Shop, save, and learn about houseplants while enjoying refreshments!

### Succulent Saturday

Every Saturday in September

Leave the mess with us! pot up a succulent container and use our soil for free!



### Mini Monstera

Mini Monstera, or Rhipidophora Tetrasperma, captivates with its striking, split leaves and climbing habit. This easy-to-care-for plant adds a tropical touch to any space, making it a popular choice for bringing vibrant greenery to both small and large interiors.

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