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## **Tips for the Conway School Garden Champions**

**School Garden activities for September**

**Remember: About 60 days left until first fall frost < October 30 >**

**especially for above ground tender plant parts. Or have covered beds.**

**Locally Grown Arkansas Produce Harvest Calendar**

<https://www.uaex.edu/publications/pdf/FCS812B.pdf>

## **Gardening Tasks for Everyone in September**

### Miscellaneous

- Stop pruning and fertilizing shrubs
- Bring summer vacationing houseplants back indoors while the windows are still open. Check carefully for hitchhiking pests
- Start fall clean-up in the flower beds, cutting back anything that has finished blooming or is diseased
- Take cuttings to overwinter indoors
- Start winterizing your water garden
- Watch for frost warning and cover tender plants
- Photograph your gardens and containers for a record of the year's triumphs and frustrations
- Continue to turn the compost

### Flowers and Other Ornamental Plants

- Divide and move perennials
- Dig and store tender bulbs like: dahlias, caladiums, cannas and tuberous begonias
- Start planting spring flowering bulbs



## Vegetables

- Harvest remaining vegetables. Keep tomatoes going until first frost then harvest green tomatoes
- Pick herbs for drying or freezing
- Cure winter squash for storage. Place in a cool, sheltered shady spot for about 1 month.

## Fruit

- Clean up fallen fruit

## Trees & Shrubs

- Plant trees and shrubs. Keep well-watered, if there isn't sufficient rain.



## Pests

- Dispose of any diseased or infested plant debris, to avoid overwintering the problem. Contact Extension office on identification and control measures.

## Garden Tasks for Warmer Areas

- Restart the vegetable garden. Start seeds quickly
- Direct sow seeds of lettuce, greens, onions, peas, beans – see list below
- Seed cool season annuals
- Plant fall bulbs
- Plant perennials and shrubs
- Keep fruits picked as they ripen

Information obtained from: <https://www.thespruce.com/>



The Faulkner County Extension Service Office has county agents and Master Gardeners that are available to assist with helping maintain a school garden and provided educational programming on growing a garden along with nutritional activities on eating from the garden. Contact us to learn how we can help with your school garden at 501-329-8344 or [raklerk@uaex.edu](mailto:raklerk@uaex.edu) or [kgreen@uaex.edu](mailto:kgreen@uaex.edu)

## Year Round Home Garden Planting Chart

| <u>August</u>                       | <u>September</u> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Southern Peas (55-70)               | Bok Choi (40-60) |
| Lettuce (45-65)                     | Pak Choi (40-50) |
| Kale (55)                           | Carrots (66-75)  |
| Mustard (40-50)                     | Swiss Chard (60) |
| Carrots (66-75)                     | Beets (54-68)    |
| Endive (85-98)                      | Spinach (42)     |
| Beets (54-68)                       | Kohlrabi (50)    |
| Chives (60-90)                      | Cauliflower (66) |
| Cauliflower (66)                    | Cabbage (60-82)  |
| Broccoli (50-75)                    | Broccoli (50-75) |
| Cabbage (60-82)                     | Collards (50-75) |
| Cucumbers (51-68)                   | Kale (55)        |
| Collards (50-75)                    | Mustard (40-50)  |
| Beans (Snap, Lima) (48-71)          | Turnips (40-55)  |
|                                     | Radish (24-30)   |
|                                     | Lettuce (45-65)  |
| ( ) = Days from planting to harvest |                  |

Happy Fall Gardening!

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