September Check List

Can it really be September? The first day of fall is upon us! I always feel a little panicked as September arrives. My project “wish list” seemed to grow longer this summer. I had some fantastic surprises in the garden this year, but as always some of my projects are rolling over to next growing season. The weeds got ahead of me in some of my flower beds and I am looking forwards to some cooler weather to pull some weeds and mulch!

It’s time to check September’s list of gardening tasks that includes:

• Continue watering your garden as needed during dry weather
• Continue collecting seeds for next year’s garden
• Continue checking regularly for signs of pests and diseases
• Continue weeding your beds
• Cover water gardens with netting to catch any falling leaves
• Water newly planted trees and shrubs once a week
• Cut back ragged-looking perennials
• Divide perennials
• Divide peonies
• Plant tulips
• Continue direct-seeding lettuce, endive and spinach
• Continue harvesting herbs
• Clean up areas of the vegetable garden that have finished producing
• Refresh containers with fall annuals such as asters, mums, flowering kale, and cabbage
• Continue composting
• Take a walk around your gardens and start making a “to do” list for next season
• If you have a cold frame, be sure to get it cleaned out and ready for direct seeding of lettuce and spinach that you can enjoy in the colder months

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What big projects are on your list that need to be done before the snowflakes begin to fall? Tick tock Tick tock…it won’t be long!