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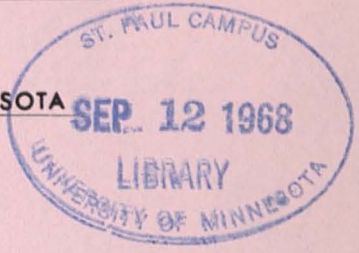


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FALL CHORES

Fall jobs such as storing tender bulbs, cleaning up the garden and preparing the compost pile are essential to good garden practice.

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Careful storage of bulbs can save you many dollars in bulb replacement. Selection, curing and storage conditions determine how well the bulbs keep.

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Gladiolus corms should be cured before storing. To cure the corms, place them on shallow trays or spread them evenly on burlap until the foliage is dried and the outer skin of the corm has loosened. Clean the bulbs at this time. Then place the glads in storage where there's good air circulation and dust them with a 5 percent DDT dust to control thrips. Keep the storage temperature between 33 and 40 degrees F.

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Dahlia roots should be partially dried and then packed in moist sand or wood shavings. They prefer a cool, moist storage temperature of 40 degrees F. Tuberous begonias can be stored in the pot, or they can be removed and stored like dahlias.

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Fall is a good time to clean up the garden. If you've had disease and insect problems, remove all the trash and destroy it by burning. At the same time, dig the soil to loosen it and destroy any insects which tend to winter over in the garden soil.

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