

October Garden Wrap-Up Checklist

Use this checklist to gently close your garden season. Print it, keep it in your journal, and check off tasks as you go. Add notes, reflections, and prayers along the way.

Harvest What Remains

- Gather last tomatoes, peppers, beans, and cucumbers
- Dig root crops (carrots, beets, sweet potatoes)
- Snip herbs for drying (basil, oregano, thyme, sage)
- Collect flowers for drying (zinnias, calendula, marigolds)

Notes: _____

Save Seeds

- Collect seeds from beans, peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers
- Snip seed heads from marigolds, zinnias, cosmos, sunflowers
- Dry thoroughly and store in envelopes
- Label with variety, year, and notes

Notes: _____

Clear Spent Plants

- Pull diseased plants and discard (not compost)
- Chop and compost healthy plant matter
- Leave roots of beans/peas to enrich soil

Notes: _____

Protect Soil

- Mulch bare beds with leaves, straw, or compost
- Plant cover crops (rye, clover, vetch) if frost hasn't hit
- Solarize weed-prone beds if temps allow

Notes: _____



Tend Perennials & Borders

- Cut back perennials lightly (leave seed heads for birds)
- Mulch shrubs, roses, and fruit trees
- Divide and transplant perennials (iris, daylilies, hostas)
- Edge garden beds for clean borders

Notes: _____

Prepare Tools & Equipment

- Wash and dry tools to prevent rust
- Sharpen pruners and hoes
- Oil wooden handles
- Drain hoses, store sprinklers, and cover spigots
- Clean seed trays and pots

Notes: _____

Journal & Reflect

- Record frost date
- Note which crops thrived or failed
- Sketch bed layouts for rotation
- Write a gratitude list for this year's harvest

Reflection: _____

 Each check mark is a prayer in motion. Let this work prepare both your soil and your soul for the rest to come.

