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Wisconsin Horticulture

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What's Happening in Horticulture? November 2025

Greetings gardeners,

With winter just around the corner, November is the time to **prepare your landscape plants for wintery weather conditions**. This month's issue covers last-minute tasks to wrap up the growing season as well as creative ways to bring a touch of green into your home in the off-season. Even as the snow starts to fall, there's plenty of horticulture webinars on the calendar to keep your green thumb busy.

Upcoming Online Programs

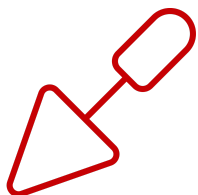


'Heavy Metal,' a cultivar of native switchgrass ***Panicum virgatum***, turns a rich amber color in fall.

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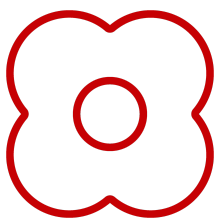
- **Green Thumb Gardening: Strawberries, Raspberries, and Blueberries**
Thursday, Nov. 13 | 5:30–7:30 p.m. | \$12 registration
 - **Ask Your Gardening Question: LIVE**
Monday, Nov. 17 | 1:30–2:30 p.m.
 - **Learning from Insects Webinar Series: Bees! from Pollination to Honey**
Wednesday, Nov. 19 | 5:30–6:30 p.m.
 - **Diseases of Evergreens**
Wednesday, Nov. 19 | 6:30–8:30 p.m.
 - **Green Thumb Gardening: Gardening With Climate Change in Mind – Trends, Adaptations, and Shrinking Your Garden Carbon Footprint**
Thursday, Nov. 20 | 5:30–7:30 p.m. | \$12 registration
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Timely Articles



Maintaining Lawn and Garden Tools

When it comes to digging in the garden or pruning trees and shrubs, using quality tools that are cleaned, lubricated, and sharpened makes any outdoor job simpler and more efficient. A little time and attention this fall will help you get a strong start next spring. [**Read more...**](#)



Forcing Bulbs

Wisconsin gardeners do not have to give up growing flowers during the long winter months. If you can spare a corner of your refrigerator to simulate dormancy, you can enjoy flowering hyacinths, narcissus, tulips, crocus, or other spring-flowering plants during the off-season. [**Read more...**](#)



Keep Watering in Fall to Protect Evergreens from Winter Burn

Winter burn is a common problem of evergreens—both new and established—that typically occurs over winter. Frequently affected plants include yews, junipers, boxwood, arborvitae,

rhododendrons, dwarf Alberta spruce, and hemlock. [Read more...](#)



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A weekly column of horticulture education and activities for Wisconsin gardeners. Read the latest articles from this past month.

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[Lady beetles are swarming Wisconsin again. Here's how to protect your home](#) | Milwaukee Journal Sentinel | Featuring PJ Liesch

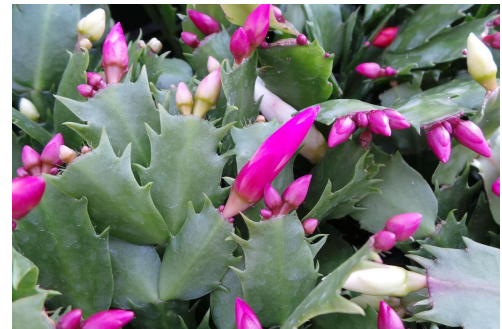
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► **Listen:** [Tips for proper lawn care this fall, according to a Wisconsin turfgrass specialist](#) | Wisconsin Public Radio | Featuring Doug Soldat

► **Listen:** [Garden Talk: Fall flowers for monarchs and this year's plant diseases](#) | Wisconsin Public Radio | Featuring Bruce Spangenberg and Brian Hudelson

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