

September Update

These issues and events will be our focus for September. The topics, along with the Extension educator who is expert on this topic, are listed below. Feel free to contact the educator directly if you'd like an article or to do a story.

Home Invading Insects Jonathan Larson, Nebraska Extension Entomology,
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As temperatures cool, insects move indoors. Along with them can come spiders of all shapes and sizes. Are these fall invaders dangerous or just pesky? What can homeowners do to stop this onslaught of 6 and 8-legged critters?

Fall Watering for Newly-Planted Trees, Shrubs and Perennials Scott Evans, Nebraska Extension Horticulture,
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Investments in landscape plants can be wasted when the new additions are poorly or inadequately watered. Knowing when to water and how much to water are critical for new plants to survive their first winter.

Harvesting Fruits and Vegetables John Porter, Nebraska Extension Urban Ag,
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Too bad there isn't just one easy directive for determining when gardeners should harvest fruits and vegetables. John answers questions on timing, what is ripeness, how to harvest, and what qualities to look for when determining if vegetables and fruits are at their peak of nutrition and flavor.

Lawn Aeration and Power-Raking and NOT Winterizing John Fech, Nebraska Extension Horticulture,
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Winterizer lawn fertilizer is an activity that should be planned for October, not September. Other tasks, like aeration and power-raking are great to do in September, especially if lawn owners want to overseed. Simple steps can make a big difference next spring.

Spring Blooming Bulbs Kathleen Cue, Nebraska Extension Horticulture,
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New homeowners and gardeners are sometimes disappointed that spring blooming bulbs cannot be planted in the spring but need the chilling that occurs during our winters. Who knew that planting these lumpy brown things in the fall could bring such joy in the spring landscape?

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