



SEPTEMBER

→ **NOTES**

TO-DO LIST

- *Keep deadheading roses as well as annuals and perennials for tidiness as well as to promote continual blooming. Maintenance is the key this month.*
- *Divide perennials that have become overcrowded and plant new ones that are probably being offered at bargain prices at your local garden centre.*
- *Plant new peonies or lift, divide and replant established ones to create new colonies.*
- *If your garden lacks pizzazz, add some late-blooming perennials such as rudbeckia, Japanese anemone, echinacea, asters and heleniums for impact.*
- *Keep harvesting fruit and vegetables. Pick apples and pears and dig up and store your main crop of potatoes and carrots.*
- *Collect seed from snapdragons, nicotiana and lychnis.*
- *Sow seed for California and Shirley poppies as well as blue cornflowers and other hardy annuals.*
- *Begin planting spring-flowering bulbs. Early planting allows them to establish a root system which enables them to get through winter more successfully.*
- *Plant garlic and shallots.*
- *Apply aluminum sulphate to the base of hydrangeas if you want bright blue blooms in spring. Add dolomite lime to make them pink.*
- *Plant new evergreens and perennials so they will have time to develop new roots before winter.*
- *Fertilize lawns with a low nitrogen, high phosphorus, potash content. Look for a 1-3-2 ratio on the bag.*