

YOUR YARD

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(NAPSA)—Crisper days are good news for gardeners because they're the most ideal time of the year for planting. To prolong summer beauty and to avoid deer nibbling on their landscape, gardeners can take steps to extend their summer gardens into fall and beyond.

“Before the first hard frost hits, the weather in most areas of the country is agreeable to both plants and gardeners,” says Jim Davis, product portfolio manager for DuPont Landscape Systems. “With more reliable rain patterns, cooler temperatures and fewer garden pests lurking in the soil, this time period has some of the best conditions for winter preparation.”

Tips for Stretching Summer:

- Use mulch to maintain constant soil temperatures as the weather continues to cool. This helps to smother weeds and protect plants for the winter. Mulching is especially important for newly planted or transplanted shrubs and perennials because it extends rooting time, which will lead to healthier plants throughout the winter and into the spring.

- Continue to mow frequently despite slower grass growth until it has fully stopped.

- Choose mature trees and shrubs to plant near your home as a means of reducing future maintenance such as pruning.

- Take stock of your landscape, noting specific problem areas and taking the time to correct design mistakes by rearranging existing plants and planting new bulbs. This is a great, calm season to



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evaluate and plan landscaping projects such as patios, walkways and walls.

- Protect young trees, plants and berries from hungry deer and birds by draping netting along fencing and shrubbery.

One simple way to extend your garden sanctuary is to use DuPont Garden Products Deer Netting to prevent deer from munching on your carefully maintained landscape. As these woodland creatures can become accustomed to any deterrent, netting is an easy, reliable way to keep your garden safe. The product is reusable, UV-resistant and can be easily arranged over garden beds and shrubbery or attached to existing fencing.

“Deer netting is a dependable way to protect the plants and flowers you worked all summer to cultivate,” says Davis.

For more information, dig into www.gardenproducts.dupont.com.