

Putting Your Babies to Bed

(Preparing your perennials for winter)



Clean your perennial beds of excess leaves, sticks, or other plant debris. Remove weeds and apply a pre-emergent if desired. Fertilize your perennials lightly. Mulch only if needed. Do not apply too deep.

Cut back your perennials as indicated. Most can be done as soon as they go dormant.

Some special cases are:

- 1) Buddleia (Butterfly Bush)-cut in early spring to 6" when not killed back naturally.
- 2) Caryopteris- cut in early spring to 6" when not killed back naturally.
- 3) Clematis-time varies according to which group (1,2,or3) the variety is classified in.
- 4) Hardy Hibiscus-cut in fall to 12".
- 5) Lavender-cut in spring to 10"-12" and remove any dead.
- 6) Ornamental Grass-cut in spring to 6".
- 7) Perovskia-cut in fall to 12" after first frost.

Your perennials will be ready to go for the next season!



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