

THE FRANKLIN FIVE

FERTILIZE FOR FALL

It might seem counterintuitive to fertilize your lawn with winter just around the corner, but experts suggest that the September feed is the most important of the year. Fall fertilizing provides a crucial (albeit short) growth boost that will nourish and preserve a healthy lawn throughout its winter hibernation.

BROWSE FRANKLINPLANNER'S NEW ARRIVALS FOR FALL

As the leaves start turning, life gets busy again. Prepare for the end of the year with the offerings in our Autumn Catalog.

ORGANIZE THE MEDICINE CABINET/VANITY

As is often the case with any organizing project, the first step to an organized bathroom vanity is to clear it out. Get rid of old makeup, lotions, and hair accessories you don't use anymore. Wipe off the shelves and replace what belongs there, starting with the items you use most frequently.

TEST WATER SHUT OFF VALVES

A broken faucet can swiftly go from a problem to a disaster if you can't stop the water quickly. Hopefully you haven't needed to shut off the water to your toilets and faucets recently, which is all the more reason why you should test the shutoffs now—especially before the freezing temps of winter set in. Give the valves a few good turns and make sure they're not rusting stiff.

GO ON A PICNIC

Most people don't think about picnics in September. That's why they're so great! Grab someone special and head for the park or the canyon. You'll enjoy a beautiful afternoon with far fewer distractions.

MY FOCUS FOR THIS MONTH

SEPTEMBER

FUN HOLIDAYS THIS MONTH

3 LABOR DAY

Celebrate child labor laws, the 40-hour work week, increased wages for skilled labor and more while you step outside for one last barbecue.



6 READ A BOOK DAY

Visit a library or your favorite bookstore and discover a new favorite. Organize a book club for the cooler months, or get re-committed to the one you already belong to. Don't let the knowledge and imagination of others go undiscovered—read.



11 PATRIOT DAY

How can you increase your patriotism today? Learn, study, and discuss options for showing pride in your country.



22 FIRST DAY OF FALL

Sort through your sweaters, freshen up your favorites, and donate the rest to charity.

