

**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.

**BROWSE FRANKLIN PLANNER'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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

## MY FOCUS FOR THIS MONTH

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### KEY DATES

- 6 LABOR DAY
- 6 READ A BOOK DAY
- 11 PATRIOT DAY
- 12 GRANDPARENTS DAY
- 13 POSITIVE THINKING DAY
- 22 FIRST DAY OF FALL

### WEEKLY OBSERVANCES

- 5-11 NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK
- 5-11 NATIONAL WAFFLE WEEK

### MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

- SELF-IMPROVEMENT MONTH
- HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
- PREPAREDNESS MONTH