

# SEPTEMBER

## THE FRANKLIN FIVE

**PRACTICE HABIT SEVEN**

Sharpen the saw. Invest time, effort, and perhaps even some money, to strengthen your ability to produce. Add knowledge and talents to your skill set, determine to exercise, meditate, and rest so you can better perform your duties and serve others.

**READ A BOOK**

A great way to exercise your mind is through reading. We offer many books that will help you learn to boost your productivity such as *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, *The 4 Disciplines of Execution*, and *The Joy of Less*. If nonfiction isn't your thing, download or check-out a fiction novel instead.

**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 temperatures of winter set in.

**GO ON A PICNIC**

Most people don't think about picnics in September, but it's the perfect time to go! 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

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### KEY DATES

- 1 World Letter Writing Day
- 5 Labor Day
- 6 Read a Book Day
- 11 Patriot Day
- 11 Grandparents Day
- 13 Positive Thinking Day
- 17 Constitution Day
- 21 International Peace Day
- 22 Autumnal Equinox
- 26 First Day of Rosh Hashanah
- 26 Family Day

### WEEKLY OBSERVANCES

18-24: National Indoor Plant Week

### MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

Classical Music Month  
Hispanic Heritage Month  
Self Improvement Month