

**AUGUST 29, 30, 31, SEPTEMBER 1  
FRIDAY TO MONDAY**

**BACK TO COOL  
SALE  
LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

**SALES ON PLANTS,  
GIFTS, POTTERY, AND MORE!**



**The Flower Bin**  
Garden Center and Nursery  
and Gift House

# BACK TO COOL SALE

## LABOR DAY WEEKEND

FRIDAY TO MONDAY - AUGUST 29, 30, 31, SEPTEMBER 1

**30% OFF ALL PERENNIALS**

**40% OFF NURSERY**

**ALL ROSES \$15**

**12" & 14" HANGING BASKETS \$25**

**50% OFF ANNUALS**

(EXCLUDING PANSIES, VIOLAS, TROPICAL FRUITS, FALL VEGGIES, MUMS AND ASTERS)

**50% OFF 18" & 24" HANGING BASKETS**

**20% - 40% OFF SELECT FOUNTAINS**

It is amazing how time flies. Summer is almost gone and Fall's great planting season is upon us. Warm sunny days and cooler nights are perfect for planting so many things. The Bin has just the right plants to revive any area of your yard and garden. We still have a large selection of annuals in fall colors and the know-how to help you succeed. Fall favorites are getting ready too, like our cheerful garden mums and hardy pansies. Take time to plan ahead for a sensational spring because our fall bulbs will be here soon.

Remember to join us for our Back to Cool Sale!

*Jeanette, Gift House Manager*

Back to cool! My favorite time of year. If your houseplants have been growing outside for a summer vacation, there are some steps to take as you bring them back indoors.

Plan the timing. Bring them in before nighttime temps drop below 50 degrees.

Inspect for pests. Check the leaves (top and bottom), stems, and soil for bugs.

Clean the plant. Rinse the leaves gently with a hose or shower spray. Wipe the leaves with a damp cloth if needed.

Treat for pests (optional but recommended). Spray with insecticidal soap or neem oil.

Re-pot if necessary. If roots are circling pot or soil looks depleted, repot in fresh, clean indoor potting soil such as The Flower Bin potting soil.

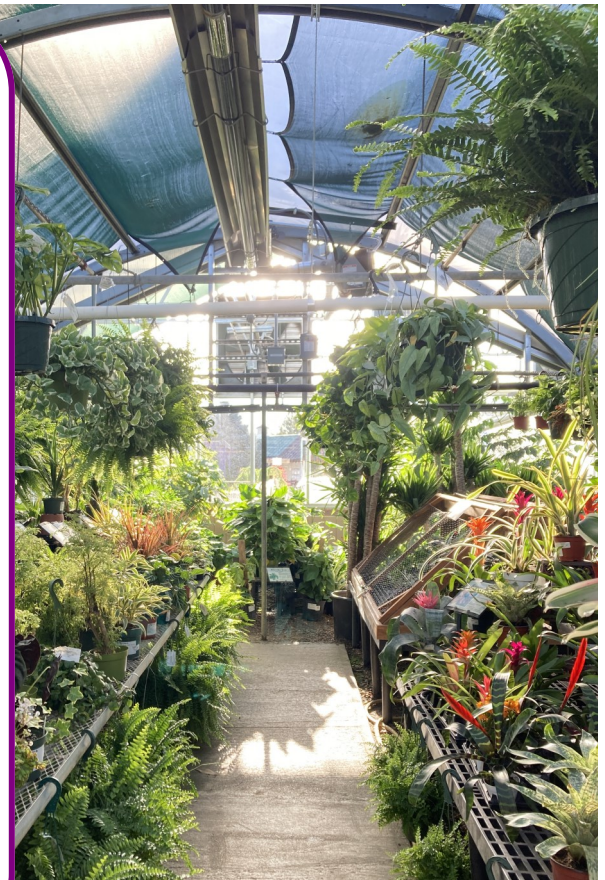
Gradual acclimation. Move to a shadier outdoor spot for a week or two to adjust to lower light. This prevents shock when moving indoors.

Prepare the indoor space. Choose a spot with similar light conditions to what they had outdoors. Clean windows, shelves, and pots before bringing them in.

Transition indoors. Bring them inside on a dry day to reduce mess and mold risk. Space them out for good air flow indoors.

Adjust care routine. Water less in winter. Check the soil before watering. Hold off on fertilizer until spring. Expect some leaf drop as they adjust.

That's it! Following these steps will ensure healthy plants. It's so nice to be able to enjoy them back inside the house again. You might need something new to add to your collection. We are always stocking the houseplants every week! Come see!



**Corinna, Foliage Manager**



Autumn in Colorado is a dramatic display of warm hues and crisp air, especially in the Front Range and foothills where the landscape transforms into a painter's palette of gold, rust, and plum. Gardens erupt with late-season color thanks to vibrant perennials like Goldstrum Rudbeckia and Raspberry Kismet Echinacea, which light up the season with their bold yellow and magenta blooms. Purple Dome and Showmaster Asters offer a burst of violet that pairs beautifully with the coral tones of Autumn Fire Sedum. These plants not only thrive in Colorado's fluctuating fall temperature, but they bring texture and movement as they sway gently in the breeze.

Pollinators remain active deep into autumn feasting on the final flush of nectar from these resilient bloomers. Butterflies and bees are especially drawn to the dainty, yet abundant blossoms of Autumn Sapphire Sage—a standout Plant Select variety celebrated for its sapphire-blue spires and exceptional hardiness. While cooler nights settle in, daytime sun keeps insects buzzing around the blooms of Korean Feather Reed Grass, Miscanthus Gracillimus Maiden Grass, and Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass. The latter adds visual intrigue with its curly eye-lash seed heads that seem to dance in the fading light.

Colorado's fall weather is a balancing act of crisp mornings, warm afternoons, and the occasional early snow flurry. It's a season that rewards gardeners who've chosen plants with extended bloom times and built-in toughness. Hameln Grass, with its compact form and feathery plumes, captures the golden hour glow like no other, while the shifting conditions intensify the reds and purples in foliage and flower. Whether you are watching monarchs glide through your yard or soaking up the slanted autumn sun, the garden in fall becomes a final, celebratory chorus before winter's hush.

**Billie Jo, Perennials Manager**



Dear Herb Enthusiasts,

As we transition into August, the warmth of summer is still upon us, providing a perfect opportunity to nurture our beloved herbs. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, maintaining your herb garden during this month can yield bountiful rewards. Here are some essential tips to keep your herbs thriving in warm weather:

1. **Watering Wisely** — With the heat of August, it's crucial to keep your herbs hydrated. Water early in the morning or late in the evening to minimize evaporation. Ensure the soil is consistently moist but not waterlogged, as most herbs prefer well-drained soil.

2. **Pruning for Growth** — Regular pruning encourages healthy growth and prevents your herbs from becoming leggy. Snip back any flowers that appear, as they can divert energy away from leaf production. For herbs like basil and mint, pinching off the tops will promote bushier growth.

3. **Sunlight Exposure** — Most herbs thrive in full sun, but during the hottest part of the day, some may benefit from a little shade. If you notice your herbs are wilting, try providing them with some afternoon shade to help them cope with the heat.

4. **Harvesting** — Don't forget to harvest your herbs regularly! August is a peak time for many herbs, so enjoy the fruits of your labor. Regular harvesting not only enhances flavor but also promotes further growth. Remember, the more you cut, the more they grow!

Taking care of your herbs in August can set the stage for a rich harvest and a thriving garden. Enjoy the warm weather, and don't hesitate to dive into your herb garden.

### Fresh Basil Pesto

Ingredients:

- 2 cups fresh basil leaves
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/3 cup pine nuts (or walnuts)
- 2 garlic cloves
- Salt and pepper to taste

Instructions:

1. In a food processor, combine basil, pine nuts, and garlic. Pulse until finely chopped.
2. Add Parmesan and pulse again.
3. With the processor running, slowly drizzle in olive oil until fully blended.
4. Season with salt and pepper. Serve over pasta, on sandwiches, or as a dip.



### Minty Watermelon Salad

Ingredients:

- 4 cups diced watermelon
- 1/4 cup fresh mint leaves, chopped
- 1 lime, juiced
- Feta cheese (optional)

Instructions:

1. In a large bowl, combine watermelon and mint.
2. Drizzle with lime juice and toss gently.
3. Top with crumbled feta if desired. Serve chilled.



### Pink Celosia Pink Lemonade

Ingredients:

- 1 cup fresh lemon juice (about 4-6 lemons)
- 1 cup granulated sugar (adjust to taste)
- 4 cups water
- 1 cup pink celosia flowers (make sure they are pesticide-free and edible)
- Ice cubes
- Lemon slices and celosia flowers for garnish

Instructions:

1. **Prepare the Celosia Infusion:**
  - In a saucepan, combine 1 cup of water with the pink celosia flowers. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and let it simmer for about 10 minutes.
  - Strain the mixture to remove the flowers and allow the infused water to cool.
2. **Make the Lemonade:**
  - In a large pitcher, combine the lemon juice and sugar. Stir until the sugar is fully dissolved.
  - Add the remaining 3 cups of water and the cooled celosia infusion. Mix well.

3. **Serve:**

- Fill glasses with ice cubes and pour the pink lemonade over the ice.
- Garnish with lemon slices and a few celosia flowers for a beautiful presentation.

4. **Enjoy:**

- Serve chilled and enjoy this refreshing and visually stunning pink lemonade!

This unique lemonade not only tastes great but also showcases the beauty of pink celosia, making it perfect for summer gatherings or a delightful treat on a warm day!

These recipes highlight the fresh flavors of summer herbs and are sure to be a hit at your late summer BBQ's. Happy Herb Gardening!





**Thank you Kim, for fifteen years  
of great memories and gardening.  
From all of us here at The Flower Bin,  
we wish you a Happy Retirement!**



## NOW IS THE TIME

Take these 3 steps to help your lawn recover from this summer's heat. Step 1: Feed your lawn with ferti-lome Lawn Food Plus Iron. Step 2: Apply granular **Revive** on your lawn to encourage strong root development and optimize water usage. Step 3: Apply **Natural Guard HuMic**, a granular humate which will improve your lawn's soil structure and increase nutrient uptake.

Plant a second crop of cool weather vegetables. Beans, radishes, lettuce, kale, spinach and many more cool weather crops can be planted from seed or starts, for late season harvest.

### **September lawn and garden tasks**

Now is a great time to repair damaged or thin areas in your lawn with grass seed. Stop in. We'll help you select the right seed for your lawn.

As you finish harvesting your crops, plant a cover crop. Cover crops perform several functions including increasing soil organic matter, fixing nitrogen, breaking up compacted soils, suppressing weeds, acting as a living mulch, promoting, and protecting valuable soil microbial activity. Buckwheat, oats, and winter rye are good choices for cover crops.

### **October lawn and garden tasks**

Mid-October is the time to apply ferti•lome Winterizer fertilizer. Your lawn will store the nutrients through the winter for a strong start next spring.

Finish putting the vegetable garden to bed. Start by cleaning up spent vegetation as well as any debris.

Next, add organic material to your tomato and vegetable beds to rejuvenate the soil. We have locally produced, bagged soil amendments in stock for your convenience.

After amending the soil, plant a cover crop to protect any open areas in your vegetable garden through the winter.

Water the plants in your yard and landscape. Well hydrated trees, shrubs, and perennials are better equipped to deal with winter temperature swings.

Gardening doesn't stop in the fall. You're always welcome to bring your lawn, garden, houseplant questions to our Diagnostic Center. We'll identify the problem and offer you solutions. This is a free service we offer our customers year-round.

### **Michael, Hard Goods**



*Stacia, a team member at the Flower Bin, has been taking care of her yard correctly. Look how green and healthy it is!*