Dear Gardener,

Happy Fall! I'm glad to see that fall has finally arrived. Our past summer was literally one for the record books! As of September 24th, the city of Erie was already 24 inches above normal for the entire year, and we still have three months left in the year! It has just been unbelievably wet.

As always, if you have any horticulture questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Krista Harding
District Extension Agent

Urban Wildlife Damage Control

Do you have armadillos tearing up your yard? Squirrels digging out your containers? Deer eating everything you plant? If so, you will want to plan to attend this upcoming workshop on Urban Wildlife Damage Control. Charlie Lee, Extension Wildlife Specialist, is an excellent speaker and will give great tips and tricks for managing the wildlife that can sometimes become destructive. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.
Fall Conservation Tree/Shrub Sales

The Kansas Forest fall sale is going on now through October 15th. This is an opportunity to purchase low-cost trees and shrubs for conservation planting purposes. For more information, visit: Kansas Forest Service

Weed Control in Lawns

Circle the third week of October on your calendar. This is the ideal time to treat your lawn for broadleaf weeds such as dandelions, henbit, and chickweed. Since all of these plants are winter annuals, in October they are small and easily controlled. Herbicides such as 2,4-D or combination products such as Trimec, Weed-B-Gon or Weed-Out need to be used. Another product called Weed Free Zone contains 2,4-D plus MCCP, Dicamba, and carfentrazone. This product will give a quicker response than the other products mentioned, especially if the temperatures are below 50 degrees.

Choose a day that is 50 degrees or higher. The better the weed is growing the more weed killer will be moved from the leaves to the roots.
Health Insurance Assistance

You may not be familiar with all of the services that the Extension office can provide. However, one that I would like to draw your attention to is the assistance that Joy Miller, FCS agent, can provide. As you review your health insurance options for Medicare or Marketplace, keep her services in mind. Call to schedule your appointment!

Video: Bulbs - Planting for Spring Color
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