MONTHLY GARDEN CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER (Between seasons-Plan for Fall)

**Complete major bed renovations.**

- **Maintenance/Prune:** Check the Ph of soil; add dolomite lime to raise Ph sulfur to lower. Complete the pruning of large trees in your landscape the heart of hurricane season approaching soon. Use qualified arborist with the proper equipment and experience.

- **Plant:** Flowers that will take high temperatures include periwinkle, marigold, torenia, gaillardia, verbena, sunflowers and zinnias, black eye peas, collards, cauliflower, okra, radish, squash, cherry tomatoes, turnips and carrots. You can also use colorful foliage such as coleus and caladiums in the summer. Remove unproductive plants to let soil rest.

- **Vines/Ground Cover/Ornamental Grasses:** Allamanda, mandeville, confederate and asiatic jasmine and other appropriate plant materials.

- **Bulbs/Rhizomes/Tubers:** Amaryllis, anemone, narcissus. Add honeysuckle and Mexican flame to butterfly garden

- **Watch for:** Caterpillars, aphids, slugs, snails, white flies, garden flea hoppers, grasshoppers, cutworms, nematodes, leaf spot, roof rot, mites, thrips, mealybug canna leaf rollers, scales, fruit fly and powdery mildew

- **Lawn:** Complete seeding - treat with diazinon, methoxychlor, dursham

- **Shrubs:** Pyracantha, beautyberry, nandina, cassis

- **Water:** Watch hanging baskets and containerized plants. Do any watering early in the day. Make vegetables happier by keeping them in screen rooms or porch areas.

- **Fertilize:** Only as needed-best in Oct. Lawns and trees ready for Fall feeding

- **Trees/Citrus:** Thin

- **Tropical/Temperate Fruits:** The spring tropical fruit are mature now-enjoy eating avocado, carambola, fig, muscadine grape, guava, jaboticaba, longan monstera, muntingia, jackfruit, papaya, passion fruit, sapodilla, sugar apple, atemoya and velvet apple.