Fall is near, and cooler temperatures are fast approaching. If you have been holding off on planting in your yard because of the heat, now is the time to start finding the plants you want and getting them in the ground. Plants will be able to focus on root growth before the winter and have that much the advantage in the spring.

End of Summer Lawn Care
September is the time for the most important fertilizer application of the year. Use a slow-release high-nitrogen fertilizer sometime in the first half of the month. This helps the lawn recover from the stress of the summer heat.

September is also the time to begin cutting back your watering frequency as temperatures cool down. Keep an eye on daily temperatures to determine when it makes sense to add another day between waterings.

And, September is also a great time to core aerate the lawn. This may or may not need to be done each year, depending on the amount of use your lawn gets. Be sure to leave the cores on the lawn after aerating.

Lawn Care Schedule
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**Plant Highlight**
Plumbago

*Ceratostigma plumbaginoides*

This low-growing, spreading perennial is a carpet of green throughout the growing season, then puts on a show of blue flowers from late summer to frost. Its leaves turn a spectacular red color in the fall, which contrasts perfectly with the blue of the flowers. Can be massed together for a nice groundcover effect. Tolerant of many soil types.

- **Plant Type:** Perennial/Groundcover
- **Mature Size:** 6-8" T x 12-18" W
- **Light Requirements:** Full Sun/Part Shade
- **Hardiness Zones:** 5-9
Water Conservation
Programs & Rebates:
UtahWaterSavers.com

Localscapes University
Sept. 14 @ Shade Home & Garden
Details & Registration

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