

# Garden Notes

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## 'Gracillimus' Grass

Ornamental grasses are now common features in landscapes because they are both attractive and low maintenance. There are so many different shapes, sizes, and colors. One of my favorites is the 'Gracillimus' Silver Feather grass. This cultivar offers an upright growth habit to about 4-5 feet. Late summer and fall flowers extend above the foliage and plants hold their shape even after a frost. Silver feather grasses grow best in full sun with irrigation when rainfall is lacking. Winter foliage provides movement and sound in the garden.

## Continue with Herbs

Some of our herbs love the cooler months. Now is the time to add dill, parsley, cilantro, chives (pictured), and horseradish to your garden or containers. Many other perennial herbs such as thyme, rosemary, and oregano are also cold hardy. Our first frost will usually finish off basil, lemon balm and stevia for the season unless very protected.



## Dropping Leaves

We do have many deciduous trees that are dropping leaves now. You may choose to leave the leaves in place as habitat for small creatures or a source of nutrients as they decompose. The choice is yours. Just make sure they don't move into storm drains if you are fall cleaning.

