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## What's Ahead?

A wonderful friend of *Farmers' Almanac's* Editor, Ray Geiger's, Cleveland weather guru Dick Goddard put together a laundry list of 10 signs of nature that can predict a harsh winter ahead. It's early, but keep your eye out!

1. Thicker than normal onion skins and corn husks.
2. Woodpeckers share a tree.
3. Early migration of ducks, geese and Monarch butterflies.
4. Heavy and numerous fogs during August.
5. Racoons with thick tails and bright bands.
6. Spiders spin larger than usual webs.
7. Frequent halos or rings around the moon.
8. Squirrels gathering extra nuts and gaining extra weight.
9. Unusual abundance of acorns.
10. Ants march in a line instead of meandering all over.



Source: *FarmersAlmanac.com*

## The Definition of August

The month of August was named for Augustus Caesar, who was both an important and regal person. This is an easy way to remember that the word has two meanings. Interestingly enough, linguists think that the word *august* did not descend from the same root as the month August. In Latin, the word *august* means "sacred."

Do not forget to pronounce each word properly — the month has the accent on the first syllable, the adjective on the second. The adjective "august" means "respected and impressive," such as to say "she was in august company." It also can mean "majestic and magnificent."

Source: *vocabulary.com*



## Because You Wondered...Maybe

Why are the Super Bowls numbered with Roman numerals? Lamar Hunt is credited for introducing Roman numerals to keep track of the championship title bowls. Roman numerals are an ancient numeric system where numbers are represented by the symbols *I, V, X, L, C, D,* and *M*—standing respectively for 1, 5, 10, 50, 100, 500, and 1,000. (So, to notate the number 20, you would simply write *XX*.) Super Bowl *V* was the first such bowl to be numbered using this system.

Source: *www.nfl.com*

“My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece.” -Claude Monet

“If you’ve never experienced the joy of accomplishing more than you can imagine, plant a garden.”

-Robert Brault, *modern philosopher*

“Gardeners, I think, dream bigger dreams than emperors.”

-Mary Cantwell, *author and journalist*



## Abscission – also known as Falling Leaves



It is not too early to think about the Fall Clean Ups. Primarily due to this summer’s hot and dry conditions, there is a good chance that the leaves will begin to fall earlier than usual. While drought at this time of year is typically good for fall colors, the abnormally dry conditions and high temperature might cause poor leaf colors and early leaf-drop in late September and early October.

The changes in weather and daylight trigger a hormone, abscisic acid, that releases a chemical message to each leaf that it is time to prepare for winter. For us at Estates, we would like to know your

preference for Fall Clean Ups. Everyone has a choice as to how often we come, where we’ll put the leaves, should we haul them away, and so on! Please call or email as soon as you can to be on our schedule for FCU. We know it’s August, but it’s not too early!

Source: [www.phys.org](http://www.phys.org)



## WHAT WE DO

Did you know that in addition to landscaping your gardens and taking care of your lawns, we also build retaining walls, take care of stream erosion, install patios and walkways, create firepit areas, and so much more!

Give us a call if you would like to talk with Mike about any project you are considering. He’d be glad to discuss it with you and give you a free quote. Just because summer is moving along doesn’t mean there isn’t time for hardscape projects.

In fact, fall is the perfect time to install a patio or other stone-type finish to your landscape. Brick pavers aren’t the only patio stones out there – you have so many beautiful and classic choices for natural stones – and they’re on sale now!

**Did You Know?** . . . The Ohio Landscape Association says that 200 years ago our state was nearly 90 to 95% forest! 100 years ago, these forests were decimated for industrial and agricultural purposes – down to 10% forest. Today, you’ll be glad to know that we are recovering - 30% of Ohio is now forested!

Source – Jim Funai, *Ohio Landscape Association, July 2020 newsletter*

## Chrysanthemums – They will be Blooming Soon!

These daisy-like fall flowers with a typically yellow center and a decorative pompon, chrysanthemums symbolize optimism and joy! They're the November birth flower, the 13th wedding anniversary flower, and the official flower of the city of Chicago!



First cultivated in China over 6 centuries ago, this type of daisy was initially grown as an herb associated with the power of life. The chrysanthemum's flowers range from dazzling whites to deep bronzes, and the hardy plants are highlighted with full, dark green leaves.

If you care to plant some, know that there are several species. Some are annual and won't come back next year. For lasting value, and beauty, look for perennial varieties!

Source: [www.Gilmour.com](http://www.Gilmour.com)

## 21 Years of Service to our Community!

Every anniversary has special symbols that represent the years of accomplishment. For a 21<sup>st</sup> year, the symbolic flower is the Iris. Iris represents *faith, hope, wisdom, valor, 'my compliments,' 'your friendship means so much to me,'* and *promise*. All these values are what we strive for at Estates Landscaping!

This has been a challenging year so far for everyone. Our lives have changed in many ways. The current pandemic has made us stop and reflect on what is important. As always, it is *you*, our customers, who are most important to us.

***Thank you for your business –  
we do not ever take it for granted!***



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