



Fall Projects

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As fall approaches and the days grow shorter, people are often reminded of digging projects that they planned to “get around to” during the relatively longer days of summer. Cooler weather serves to get folks thinking about planting fall vegetables or installing a built-in fireplace. Regardless of the size of your project, remember to contact Gopher State One Call (GSOC) 48 hours in advance, excluding weekends and holidays, before you break the surface of the ground.

RECOMMENDED VEGETABLES TO PLANT FOR THE MIDWEST FALL SEASON¹ ARE...

- Arugula
- Collard Greens
- Lettuce
- Mache
- Mustard Greens
- Peas
- Radishes
- Spinach
- Turnips



OTHER COMMON AUTUMN PROJECT IDEAS...



- A built-in fireplace
- Backyard water fountain or stream
- Relaxing patio
- Decorative yard lamps

Before you contact GSOC, remember to outline your proposed excavation area with white paint or flags. By doing so, you will decrease your chances of delayed locates and potential errors. Once your utilities are marked, you can have the peace of mind regarding whether or not your current project plan overlaps with the location of existing utility company lines. You may contact GSOC **up to 14 days in advance** of your project start date. Your ticket will **remain valid for 14 days after** the stated start time. After that time passes, you will need to contact GSOC to update your ticket and get lines remarked.

Also note that private facilities are **NOT** marked by contacting GSOC. While Chapter 216D requires operators of lines buried in the public right-of-way to register with GSOC, customer-owned lines (such as gas lines to a hot tub or grill) are the owner's responsibility. Protect yourself and invest some time to determine if there are private utility lines buried in the area of excavation. If so, you may have to contact a private locator to get them marked. Click [here](#) for information to help you determine if there are private utility lines on your property.

Enjoy the breezy weather and complete fun projects to spruce up your yard. Just remember to contact GSOC before doing so. Filing a locate request is free, easy, and the law!

¹ Source: Tree Hugger. Click [here](#) for more details.



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To File a Locate Request:

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Emergency 866-640-3637
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