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Hey, Livonia bring in the begonia

If you are like most happy gardeners who find their own bit of heaven in the green and leafy world, the end of the out-door gardening season is a disappointment that can only be tempered by a lush and

blooming indoor jungle.
Or you may have a purple thumb and would just like to have a few pots of greenery to help fight the winter doldrums. Whether you are an avid green thumb, an occasional gardener or less, fall is the perfect season to spend a little extra time and attention on your household col-

Since so many houseplants spend the summer on sunporches, patios and the like, start your indoorgardening by moving this greenery inside. Despite the fact that many plants stay green until the first frosts, houseplants simply are not that tough. Bring them in when nighttime temperatures dip as low as 50° F. This gives them time to adjust to their new climate before the furnace starts running and drying out the inside air.

The big move indoors will also be easier if you plan ahead. Besides sparing you a last minute trip in the dark in robe and slippers, you will be much less likely to forget any plants and can also reserve some space for them inside.

Your plants have undoubtedly grown large and lush in the outdoors and will often need repotting. Everything should be checked for bugs, washed down, sprayed

with insecticide and isolated from other house plants for several days.

IN THEIR ANNUAL autumn haste to bring in the tenderest plants, many gar-deners tend to overlook a lot of plants thought of primarily as outdoor growers when, in fact, they can be real scene-stealers inside too. And of course, it's a great way to winter-over old favorites and

have a head start on spring.

Geraniums can handle life indoors as can fuschias, lantana and agapanthus. Don't expect a lot of bloom but do enjoy

their variant foliages.

Since most plants are quite sensitive to the seasons and enter a dormant time in the winter months, you should begin to case up on fertilizing. Remember also that the sun sinks lower in the sky and its light is more direct on windows.

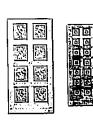
Perhaps the greatest hazard to indoor gardening is dry air, even more of a problem when furnaces and fireplaces are used once again. A humidifier is ideal. You can also set plants in saucers with pebbles and water added as necessary

Misting with a spray bottle is also help-ful. Other plants like Swedish ivy, philodendron, dracaena and many palms aren't nearly as fussy as long as they are properly watered. Scheffleras are terrific inside, just watch for spider mites.

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