

Frost chances rise, giving plants a fright

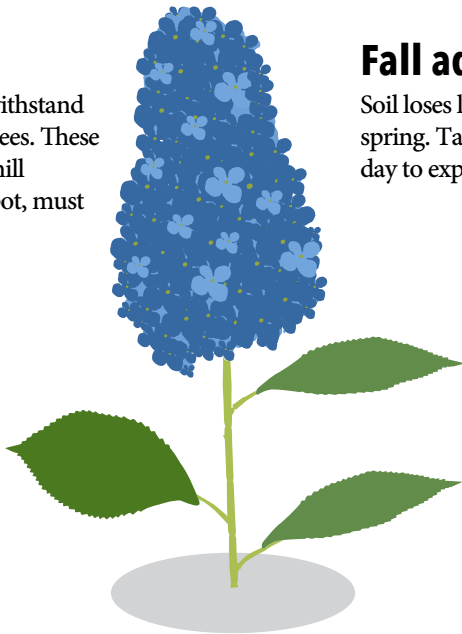
Fall weather brings colder nights, and as October cools off, the chance of overnight frost rises. Based on historic weather data, **there's a 70% chance the first frost will arrive by Oct. 29.** A plant's ability to withstand the cold depends on its species, and some will inevitably die as the temperature drops.

Tropical plants

Some plants are unable to withstand temperatures under 45 degrees. These tropical plants can suffer “chill injury” and, if planted in a pot, must be brought inside.

Preserving heat

Insulating material, like row cover, bed sheets or blankets, placed over tender plants can prevent heat loss. This process may only result in a difference of a few degrees.



Fall advantage

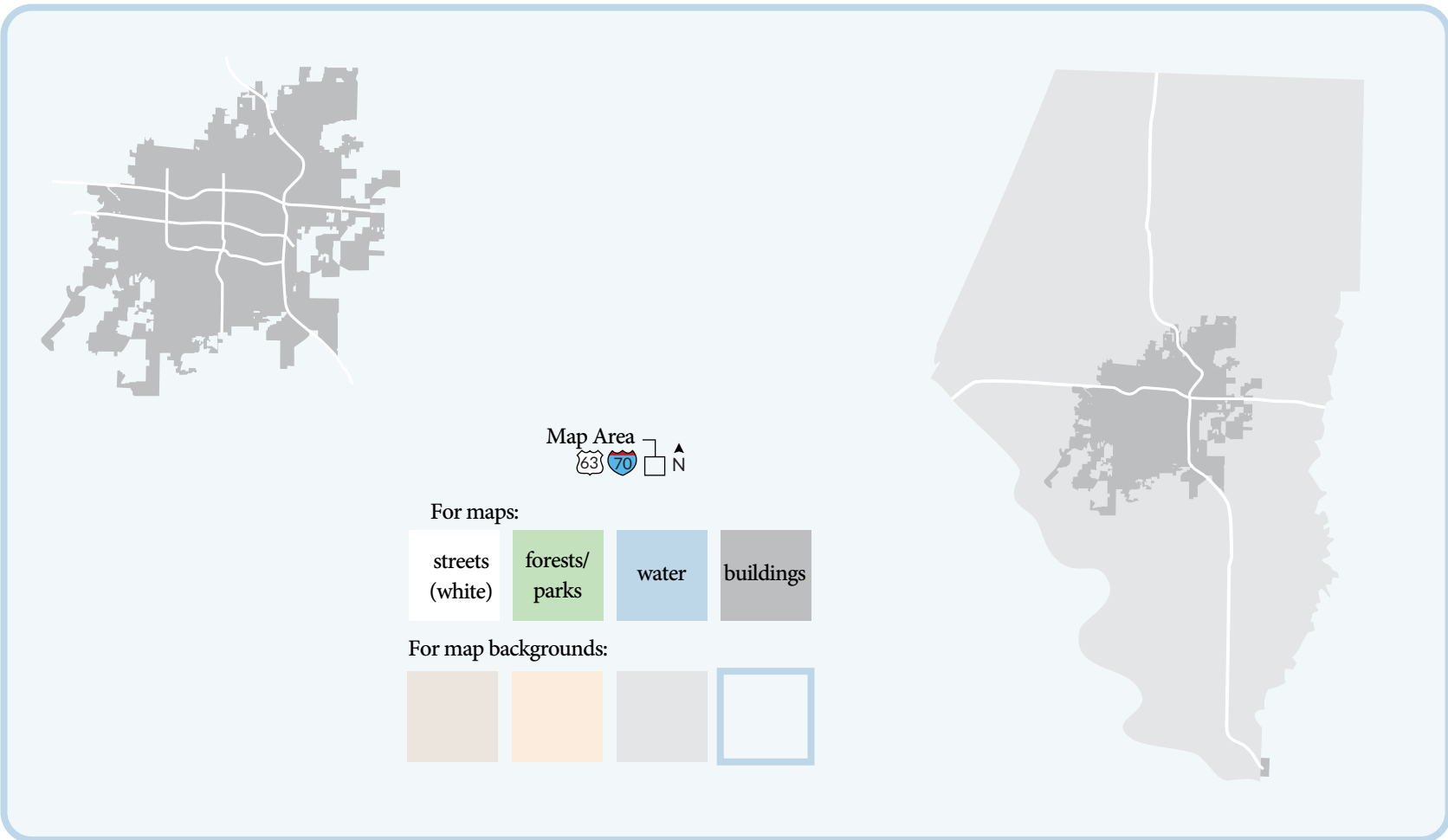
Soil loses less heat in the fall than in the spring. Take off coverings during the day to expose plants to the sunshine.

When to let go

Some plants are doomed after the first fall frost. There comes a point every year when growers must understand their garden is spent and embrace the tasks a changing season brings.

Map Materials

City of Columbia map with major roads | Boone County map with city of Columbia inlet



Missouri state map with counties (editable-->ungroup)



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