

Plant Resources

Winter Lawn & Garden Calendar

Perennials, Ornamental Grasses, & Groundcovers

Tip

- Many new varieties of perennials, perennial grasses, and groundcovers are announced during the winter season. Research new varieties that you might want to add to your garden. Pay attention to light and water requirements, maintenance needs, bloom time, and planting zone.

Trees

Pruning

- Oak, honeylocust, ash, birch, elm, crab apple, hawthorne, beech, and linden should all be pruned in winter while the plants are dormant.
- Prune evergreens, especially spruce and arborvitae, if you need to cut a lot off. This should be done in late winter

Roses

Maintenance

- Winter protection for roses is always a good idea.
- If you didn't add protection late in the fall, do so early in the winter. This can be accomplished by adding leaves, compost, or mulch around the base of each rose plant to help insulate the roots.

Pruning

- Most rose varieties can be pruned in late winter (March).
- Winter pruning of hybrid roses should be done to encourage the growth of the strongest canes, so remove all weak, twiggy, or dead wood.

Shrubs			
Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to plant and transplant as long as the ground is not frozen. • Finish planting evergreens early in the month to give them plenty of time to get established before winter, 		
Pruning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some shrubs can be safely pruned during the winter/dormant months. These include: 		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember, do NOT prune early blooming shrubs such as rhododendrons, azalea, lilac, serviceberry, black chokeberry, and magnolia. Doing so in the winter will eliminate the spring blooms. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juniper and yew can be pruned for shape in late winter. 			
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove heavy, excess snow from evergreens, like arborvitae, to reduce the risk of breaking branches. 		
Tip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cut limbs from dogwood and winterberry to use in your winter containers! 		

Fruits	
Pruning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruits should be pruned from February into March. • This includes all apple, pears, cherries, pums, grapes, blueberries, honeyberries, gooseberries, and currants.

Annuals	
Tip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan your annual plantings, including your bedding plants, your hanging baskets, and your containers. • Many new varieties are advertised during the winter months – look up new varieties that you can use in your garden in the upcoming season.

Herbs & Vegetables

Seed Starting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some herbs and vegetables can be started by seed indoors. This will give them a head start in spring when they can be planted in the ground after the threat of frost. Timing of when to start depends on the varieties, but late January and February are normal seed starting times for most plants. 		
	Starting Herbs		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some herbs that can be start by seed in winter are: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cilantro Dill Parsley Basil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thyme Oregano Rosemary Sage
	Starting Vegetables		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vegetables that are great to start by seed include: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broccoli Brussel Sprouts Cabbage tomatoes Cauliflower 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celery Eggplants Pumpkins Peppers

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