



- Keep greenery away from flames
- Keep your Christmas tree watered
- And turn tree lights off when you leave the room!
- Continue to rake leaves and all other heavy matter off grass as it smothers very easily during extremely cold weather.
- The planting of deciduous trees and shrubs may continue just as long as the weather permits.
- Clean leaves and twigs from gutters and drains as they are likely to clog and freeze and sometimes result in destructive garden damage.
- There is still time to clean out the tangle of overgrown vines.
- Clean/service lawn mower before winter storage.
- Clean and store garden tools.
- Give the compost heap another turn with a fork and add a generous helping of hydrated lime.
- Do any filling or grading about the grounds so that loose soil can settle during the winter months.
- Save ashes from open fires for use in the spring. They are a source of potash, an essential plant food.
- If you are feeding birds, don't stop now, they become dependent upon the feed.
- Take root cuttings from your cold-sensitive perennials. Plant them in pots and keep them indoors; you can use these to replace any plants that are killed during the winter.
- You can still transplant trees and shrubs.
- Check the soil moisture of your lawn throughout the winter and water when necessary.
- Don't prune cold-damaged plants yet.
- Continue planting hardy annual seeds to add color to your winter garden: petunia, pansy, snapdragon lobelia, alyssum, and viola.
- Remember to clean the rows in your garden to help prevent insects and diseases.
- Test your soil. Now is a good time to add lime if it is necessary.
- Start inspecting houseplants regularly for pests.
- Start planning next year's garden. Think about which crops did well and which didn't fare well so that you can order better varieties next time. Think about the quantity of each crop and whether it was enough or too much. Assess learning before ordering seeds for next year.



- Before sending your seed order, draw a map of the garden area. This way, you'll order the right amount of seeds.
- In empty garden beds, spread manure and compost over the garden and plow under to prepare your soil for next year.
- Add fallen leaves to your compost pile or use for mulch.
- Look around for garden tools and supplies that you're missing and add them to your holiday gift list! Find gifts for others!