

# Lawn & Garden DECEMBER To Do List



## MAINTAIN

- Drain and put away garden hoses and insulate outdoor faucets.
- Make sure holiday lights and cords are firmly secured, waterproof and approved for exterior use.

## PLAN AHEAD

- In zones 8 and higher, protect tender citrus trees and ornamental shrubs from frost by covering with burlap or other fabric.
- In zones 7 and warmer, apply dormant spray to take care of overwintering insect eggs.
- In zones 9 and warmer, plant bare-root trees and shrubs, as well as roses and fruit trees.
- Gently remove snow from boughs only if it is heavy enough to threaten breakage. Do not attempt to remove ice.
- Water if there has been insufficient rain, or if your plants are protected under eaves or larger trees.

## LAWNS

- Keep leaves picked up, or mulch some into the lawn, and minimize stress by raking gently.
- Avoid walking or driving on frozen grass.

## ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS

- Bring out chilled bulbs once they have plenty of roots and have been chilling 2-4 months.
- Continue planting spring bulbs as long as the ground isn't frozen.
- Plant gift bulbs – such as amaryllis and paperwhites – in containers..

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