Winter Gardening Checklist

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- [ ] Trees and Shrubs
  - [ ] During mild winter, you can still plant fruit trees, shade trees and flowering trees.
  - [ ] When temperatures are below freezing, plant new evergreens, rose bushes and deciduous shrubs.
  - [ ] Prune shrubs and deciduous shade trees.
  - [ ] When noticing new buds on deciduous trees, give them last shot of dormant spray.
  - [ ] Keep up with raking.
  - [ ] If you have snowfall, knock snow off the branches of evergreens and fine-branched deciduous trees.
- [ ] Winterizing
  - [ ] Prepare the ground with cover crops that improve the soil.
  - [ ] Amend the soil.
  - [ ] Put a compost pile on top of your garden to protect bulbs and perennial plants from frost.
  - [ ] Spread out a layer of mulch over your garden.
  - [ ] Do maintenance on your garden tools.
  - [ ] Think of the plants that you're going to grow next year, and sketch out plans.

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