

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.