

# 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.