



# December Checklist

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- NOW is the BEST TIME OF YEAR to plant.** Any time you plant use Bio-tone Starter Plus to reduce transplant shock and grow a stronger healthier root system
- As long as the ground is not frozen now is still a great time to plant. Trees and shrubs are dormant this means it is less stressful on them and when spring comes around they are all ready to grow.
- Water newly installed plants all fall until the ground freezes. Even after they drop their leaves. Check the soil and water accordingly until the ground freezes.
- Prune hollies, magnolia, boxwood, cedar, and juniper you can use them inside for seasonal decoration
- Get your Fresh Cut Christmas tree, remember to keep water in the stand. You DO NOT want to let the stand dry out
- When putting water in your fresh cut Christmas tree stand use hot water. You want to heat the water on the stove or microwave, not quite boiling but hot. The hot water will heat up the tree sap and then absorb water better
- Clean and refill your bird feeders with Wild Delight Premium Bird Food. Premium Food with NO MESS. Regularly cleaning and rinsing your feeder is essential to prevent spread of disease
- Treat houseplants with Bonide Systemic Houseplant Insect Control and Bonide Insecticidal Soap to keep insects off



- Apply winterizer on your lawn
- Transplant any bushes you have been wanting to move while they are dormant. Remember to use Bio-tone Starter plus or Bonide Root & Grow when transplanting shrubs to reduce transplant shock and help establish a strong, healthy, more vigorous root system.
- Decorate inside with Poinsettias, contrary to popular myth they are not poisonous to dogs or cats. Poinsettias DO NOT like cold weather so make sure not to put them outside or anywhere where they could potentially stay cold.
- Let ice/snow melt naturally off plants. Never hit plants with heavy objects. Sand, cinders, ash and fresh kitty litter also may be used instead of ice-melting salts
- Use Liquid Fence to protect your plants from deer, rabbits and other hungry animals
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- Disconnect hoses and drain to prevent damage. If your hose is damaged then replace with the last hose you will ever buy with a NEVERkink hose
- Last chance to plant spring flowering bulbs and plant with Bulb-tone

