

## Fall/Winter Gardening Tips

Trees – Watering – deeply at least once-twice per month

- Wrap trunk of younger trees to protect from sun scald
- Prune damage or dangerous branches as needed
- Normal pruning in March
- Mulch
- Compost or light fertilizer now, best in spring

Perennials – Plant spring bulbs in October

- Leave tops for protection and bird food
- Divide and reset
- Light compost or mulch (leaf mulch/straw)

Annuals – remove from garden.

- Chop for the compost or leave in place
- Save seeds from marigolds, zinnias, etc...
- Plant pansies, kale, and other cool loving annuals

Vegetables – trim/cut back tomatoes, peppers, etc...

- New blooms will NOT ripen or mature to decent size
- Harvest green tomatoes
- Seed cool loving vegetables – kale, chard, spinach,
- Create hoops and order plastic for season extension
- Remove diseased plants
- Protect soil – compost, cardboard, + water periodically
- DO NOT LET YOUR SOIL DRY OUT!!!

Houseplants – bring in plants from outside

- Quarantine for inspection of insects/diseases
- Remove diseased or damage leaves, trim back
- Clean leaves with neem oil or horticultural oils
- Lightly fertilize in Oct only
- Keep humidity levels – don't let them dry out
- Avoid drafts
- Oct – closet prep for poinsettias and amaryllis
- Each plant is different, research tropical vs marginal