



Putting Your Garden to Bed

As plants go to sleep for the winter and enter their dormant phase, there are garden “house-keeping” tasks that will help prepare you for a great start on the next year as well as protect your plants from winter’s challenging cold and winds.

Annuals: Die completely after the first few frosts.
Perennials: Die back to dormant root systems
Deciduous Shrubs & Trees: Dormant after leaf fall
Evergreen Trees & Shrubs: Dormant by January

FALL CHECKLIST

PREPARE

- Pot up tender perennials and herbs; store in a protected place
- Empty and clean containers; store inside
- Apply Fall fertilizer to evergreens & bulb booster to bulbs
- Plant Spring flowering bulbs. Start bulbs for forcing indoors
- Uproot dead annuals; compost debris
- Cut back perennials (2-4”) as desired; compost debris
- Likely rake beds to remove debris and loosen soil
- Top-dress raked beds with 1-2” compost

PROTECT

- Cover perennials with 2-3” insulating, light mulch after ground freezes. Chopped leaves, straw, salt hay are good choices
- Apply 2-4” fresh mulch to shrubs and trees
- Water trees and shrubs 1x weekly until ground freezes
- Prune out dead, diseased, broken branches from trees, shrubs and roses. Wait until plant is fully dormant to prune and thin for shaping. Beware of pruning spring-flowering shrubs now! You may unknowingly prune out flowering buds!
- Winterize and protect roses
- Stake newly planted trees. Wrap trunks with tree wrap if deer are present
- Tie up evergreens susceptible to splitting from ice and snow or protect with plywood “teepees”
- Protect wind-sensitive shrubs by erecting burlap walls or wrapping in burlap. Build wind breaks where needed
- Insulate or heel in container trees and shrubs

HOURS:

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