

DECEMBER GARDENING

Plant Plants	<p>Continue to plant cool season Annuals:</p> <p>Dusty Miller, Dianthus, Snapdragons, Pansies, Ornamental Cabbage, Violas, Stock, etc.</p> <p>Bulbs - Time to plant:</p> <p>Alliums, Daffodils, Freesias, Hyacinths, Crocus, etc. *Tulips - After New Years Day</p> <p>Seed - Last chance to sow:</p> <p>Bluebonnet, Larkspur, Poppies, and Sweet peas, for spring bloom.</p>
Plant Veggies	<p>Set out cool season –</p> <p>Plants: Broccoli, Cabbage, etc. Seeds: -Lettuces, Greens, etc.</p>
Plant Herbs	<p>Plant now –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosemary, etc.
Roses	<p>Plant potted and bear root</p> <p>Wait till February around Valentines Day to prune</p>
Trees	<p>Good time to plant trees and shrubs</p>
Weeding	<p>Pull winter weeds to keep garden beds tidy.</p>
Mulch	<p>To protect plants from cold, keep weeds down and to retain moisture</p>
Prune	<p>Deadhead annuals to keep them blooming</p>
Fertilize	<p>Flowers and Veggies with a water soluble fertilizer .</p>

Water	As needed and before a freeze.
Pest	Check plants for pest as you bring them indoors for the winter and treat accordingly
Birds	Keep fresh water in Birdbaths * In freezing weather check to see if frozen Keep feeders cleaned and filled with seed Fill and Hang Suet feeders with suet cakes
Other Critters	Keep a fresh source of water placed on the ground to drink from. Put out corn for the squirrels.

Note: To prolong the life of your Poinsettias, water well then let dry out between watering. Keep away from drafts and (heat & air) vents.

*Keep your frost cloths handy in case of a freeze to protect your tender plants

Happy Gardening & Merry Christmas!

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