



NOVEMBER Gardening Checklist:



PERENNIAL GARDEN:

- Tie **climbing Roses** against the wind. Hybrid Tea roses should be mulched with soil 8" high around them.
- Label bulbs & perennials in flower border.
- Gently rake leaves from Pachysandra.
- Clean up Iris bed. Debris houses the iris borer eggs laid in late September.
- Mulch perennials after the first hard frost.
- You can leave seed heads on ornamental grasses for winter interest.

ANNUALS & VEGGIES:

- Cover strawberry beds with straw after the ground freezes.
- Trim ends of summer-grown canes of Red Raspberry & Blackberry back by 12" to 16", also remove suckers which have sprouted from the ground.
- Finish yard & garden cleanup by pulling out all dead plants. Do not let dead plant material overwinter to infect next year's plantings.

TREES & SHRUBS:

- Fall browning of inner evergreen needles is normal.**
- Apply "Wilt-Pruf" (anti-desiccant) to shrubs now to protect broadleaf evergreens against winter dieback. It can be applied in 40* temps & dries quickly.
- Before the ground freezes hard, give the evergreens a final watering.
- A properly mulched plant remains warmer & the roots do not freeze as deeply. Mulched plants (especially evergreens) are able to absorb water & are less prone to desiccation during winter months.
- Never wrap foundation plants with plastic.
- Dig a hole for your live Christmas tree now so planting will be easy in frozen ground come January. Cover securely for safety.
- Collect winterberry for holiday decorations.
- Dormant trees can be moved if the ground isn't frozen.
- Many Junipers turn bronze colored in the winter - they will return to green in the spring.
- Prune vines that have climbed tree trunks (poison ivy, wisteria, wild grapes, bittersweet); wear work gloves to be safe.

LAWN CARE:

- Continue raking leaves from lawns & around landscape plants.
- Do not drive on frozen lawn.

HOME & PATIO:

- Pot Amaryllis bulbs.
- Remove soil from outdoor ceramic flower pots to prevent breakage from freezing & thawing.
- Use sage to season poultry, pork or dressings.
- Parsley can be grown indoors if kept sunny & cool.
- Tune up snow blower & winterize the lawn mower.
- Drain the garden hoses. Shut off & drain outside faucets.
- Outdoor wasp nests can be knocked down safely.
- Clean bird houses. Resume feeding of birds.
- Store pesticides where they will not freeze. Store in a secure, dry, cool place.
- Store firewood outside to keep insects outside.
- Squirrel-proof your attic & watch for rodents looking for warm nesting sites.
- Remove slippery algae & moss from stone paths by scrubbing with a 1 part bleach to 1 part water solution.