

# Gardening Checklist

## November/December

-  Some herbs respond well to overwintering indoors. The best herbs for this include thyme, rosemary and lavender. Place in a south facing window, allow to dry between waterings and trim leaves and branches throughout the season.
-  Prevent disease and insects from overwintering below your trees and shrubs by removing the leaves and debris from the prior season. Replace with fresh mulch to help prevent moisture evaporation and to provide much needed winter insulation.
-  Wrap the trunks of newly planted or cold-sensitive trees, such as Japanese Maple, with tree wrap.
-  Make note of which vegetables worked for you this year. Keep track of your garden notes in a journal for easy reference in the spring.
-  Avoid pruning shrubs. Pruning will encourage tender new growth which will easily damage in freezing temperatures. Leaving the seeds and berries on many shrubs will also provide an important source of winter food for wildlife.
-  Clean, drain and cover fountains.
-  Move particularly sensitive houseplants, such as ficus, away from drafty doors or windows.
-  Watch for disease or insects on houseplants. Promptly treat any infected plants to prevent spreading to other indoor plants.
-  Whenever possible, avoid walking on frost covered turf. Heavy foot traffic can damage grass while creating an uneven surface in the soil.
-  Avoid costly repairs - make sure your sprinkler system is professionally drained and turned off for the season.