



November and December Garden Reminders

Chores and Maintenance

Prune and thin plants to enhance plant form

Complete pruning of late-blooming trees and shrubs

Mulch perennials, bulb beds after first freeze to protect from the soil thawing and refreezing - use salt hay, straw, pine needles, leaves, branches of Christmas trees

Protect roses by mounding soil and adding organic mulch - straw or chopped leaves

Mulch rhododendrons, azaleas, and laurel with oak leaves or leaf mold

Water dogwood, broadleaf evergreens and newly planted trees until ground freezes

Finish moving tender biennials and perennials to cold frame (pansies, English daisies, and campanulas)

Plant and Transplant

Evergreens, deciduous trees and shrubs until ground freezes

Tulips and lily bulbs until ground freezes

Winter Project

Think about last season's garden - how it evolved and matured.

Begin planning improvements by adding new plantings to enhance the garden staples with a variety of colors, textures, and sizes. Also try to include some new and unusual plants as featured in the newly arriving seed/plant catalogues.