



Greens & Wreaths



Holiday Decor



Fertilizers

- **Fall is for planting!** Get shrubs, perennials and trees into the ground this month. Winter rains will help develop a strong root system.
- **Look to plant Cyclamen** in early November. It's also a great time to plant ground covers and sweet peas.
- **Think fall & winter color:** Violas and Pansies are perfect for creating mass color in containers or flowerbeds. Available in a variety of hues, they are a terrific ground cover to plant over bulbs in pots or in the ground. For a hardy alternative, consider planting ornamental cabbage and kale.
- **Prepare planting beds for winter.** Clear weeds and rocks. Till soil and add soil amendments.
- **Wreaths and garlands** will arrive at our stores soon. Cut trees and Poinsettias arrive the week of Thanksgiving.
- **Harvest** your vegetables.
- **Top-dress perennial** beds, azaleas, camellias, and rhododendrons with Sloat Forest Mulch Plus and feed with E.B. Stone Ultra Bloom fertilizer monthly until bloom.
- **Store away and clean** any unused pots and containers that can be used as hiding places by overwintering insects, slugs and spiders.
- **Lightly prune Japanese maples** while still in leaf. Select and plant maples for fall color.
- **It's time to fill your bird feeders for winter.** Try a suet feeder!
- **Clean up dead leaves,** deadhead flowering plants; diseased leaves should go in the garbage, the rest can go in the compost pile.
- **Mulch with compost or Sloat Forest Mulch** to amend the soil and keep down weeds.
- **Pull weeds before** they have a chance to drop seeds. After it rains, weed seeds, (including grass weeds), will germinate in 5 to 10 days. Applying Safer Weed Prevention Plus or Bonide Maize ready-to-spray (both composed of corn gluten) is a safe and non-toxic way to prevent weeds from sprouting. Apply after rain in your planting beds and other areas where weeds are not wanted.
- **If you need to, move perennials and shrubs** between now and January. Prune back lightly first to prevent shock and account for lost roots.
- **Bait for slugs and snails** with Sluggo or Sluggo Plus.
- Fertilize Cymbidiums with **Grow More Orchid Bloom Food**.
- **Fertilize blue Hydrangeas** with E.B. Stone True Blue or Espoma Soil Acidifier now for bluer blooms. Treat with Agricultural Lime to turn Hydrangeas pink.
- **Fertilize winter annuals** with a blooming plant food (Primrose, Cyclamen, etc.) like Maxsea 3-20-20.
- **Continue to fertilize** citrus with E.B. Stone Organics Citrus Food or Down To Earth Citrus Mix.
- **Clean and store tools;** rub down with alcohol after each use. Grease with white lithium grease to prevent rust. Store shovels and saws in a bucket of sand with a little oil (5 parts sand to 1 part oil).
- **If frost is imminent,** be sure to water your garden (if it hasn't rained recently).
- **Kill overwintering insects** and their eggs and prevent disease. Use Bonide All Seasons Oil and Monterey Liqui-Cop when roses and fruit trees have lost their leaves.
- **Ensure houseplants** are not exposed to heat sources. Increase humidity by placing on pebble filled saucers.