

TWIN ROOTS GARDEN

GET YOUR GARDEN *Ready for Winter*

A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

Healthy plants. Happier soil. A beautiful garden come spring.

1 CLEAN UP & CLEAR OUT

TIDY NOW, THANK YOURSELF LATER.

Remove dead annuals, spent vegetables and diseased foliage to prevent pests and disease from overwintering.



A clean garden is a happy garden.

2 PRUNE WITH PURPOSE

A LITTLE CUT BACK GOES A LONG WAY.

Trim dead or damaged branches and tidy perennials. Leave seed heads for winter interest and to feed birds.



Not everything gets cut back! (Think: coneflowers, grasses, and other beneficial habitat.)

3 MULCH FOR PROTECTION

LOCK IN MOISTURE. INSULATE ROOTS.

Apply 2–4" of mulch around perennials, shrubs and trees. This keeps soil temperature steady and prevents freeze/thaw cycles.



Bark, shredded leaves or pine needles work beautifully.

4 IMPROVE YOUR SOIL

HEALTHY SOIL = STRONGER PLANTS.

Top dress beds with compost or leaf mold to replenish nutrients and improve soil structure for spring.



Good soil is everything.

5 WATER DEEPLY

ONE LAST DRINK BEFORE WINTER.

Give trees, shrubs and evergreens a deep drink in late fall to help them through dry winter months.

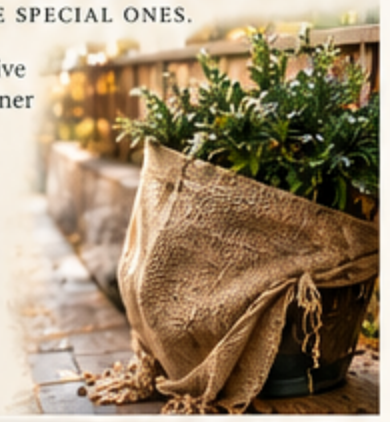


Well-hydrated roots = happy plants.

6 PROTECT TENDER PLANTS

SAVE THE SPECIAL ONES.

Cover or move sensitive plants, such as container plants, tropicals and young shrubs. Use burlap, frost cloth or insulating wraps.



A little extra cover goes a long way.

7 DIVIDE & MOVE PERENNIALS

GIVE THEM ROOM TO THRIVE.

Divide overcrowded perennials and replant, or move plants to better locations while the weather is cool.



It's like a fresh start for them.

8 PLANT SPRING BULBS

A LITTLE EFFORT NOW, BIG REWARDS LATER.

Now is the time to plant tulips, daffodils, alliums, crocus and more for a stunning spring display.



Plant the promise of spring.

9 CARE FOR TREES & SHRUBS

STRONG ROOTS. BEAUTIFUL GROWTH.

Apply a layer of mulch, remove suckers, and wrap young or thin-barked trees to prevent sunscald and winter damage.



Healthy trees make a happy garden.

10 CLEAN & STORE TOOLS

READY FOR NEXT SEASON.

Remove dirt, sharpen blades and store tools in a dry place to keep them in good shape for next season.



A little care goes a long way.

11 PREPARE CONTAINERS

KEEP THEM LOOKING THEIR BEST.

Empty annual containers or refresh with hardy plants like pansies, hellebores or evergreens. Protect ceramic pots from cracking by bringing them inside or insulating them.



Layer in something lovely for winter.

12 PLAN FOR SPRING

DREAM IT. SKETCH IT. DO IT.

Take notes, sketch ideas and order seeds or plants early. A little planning now means a smoother, more beautiful spring!



The best gardens are planned in winter.

WINTER GARDEN CHECKLIST

- ☐ Remove dead annuals
- ☐ Prune selectively
- ☐ Add compost
- ☐ Mulch beds
- ☐ Water deeply
- ☐ Protect tender plants
- ☐ Divide perennials
- ☐ Plant bulbs
- ☐ Clean & store tools
- ☐ Prep containers
- ☐ Plan for spring

Same garden. Different season. Still magic.



Gardening isn't just about what you grow... it's about what you make room for.

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