



Seasonal Garden Tasks

for the Pacific Northwest Gardener

Winter

- ☐ We offer **6' stakes with 30" tie backs** to help support your trees or shrubs that might be at risk of damage during our winter storms.
- ☐ **Frost Blankets** are an excellent way to help keep your garden cozy and warm. These reusable covers are lightweight and insulated and breathable to protect your garden when the temperatures drop.
- ☐ There is still time to mulch your garden beds to protect your landscape from winter's chill with high quality **Gardner N Bloome Soil Building Conditioner**, which will also increase your soil fertility with composted plant material and manure.
- ☐ Here in the Pacific Northwest we can plant or transplant in the winter, so long as the ground isn't frozen and you can get your shovel in the moist, loose soil.
- ☐ As our gardens enter dormancy this is a good time to think about applying a dormant oil to treat for troublesome insects such as scale, mites, mealybugs, leafminers, and aphids. We recommend **All Seasons Horticultural & Dormant Spray Oil**.
- ☐ The absolute best time of year to do a great job pruning is winter. Deciduous trees have shed their leaves and conifers are dormant, allowing you to evaluate the shape and structure of your plant. For more information on pruning, see our **Pruning Section** on this page.
- ☐ Cleaning the grit out of our pruners, loppers, shears, and mower blades, sharpening them with a quality blade sharpener, and finishing off the tune-up with a tool lubricant to keep your tools in good working order. These steps can also be taken with all of your hand tools, shovels, and hoes. Tool maintenance will prolong the life of your equipment and make your gardening tasks easier and your cuts cleaner. See our section above on **Tool Tune-Up** for more guidance.
- ☐ This is a perfect time of year to start planning your edible garden, to reflect on your successes from last year and things you would do differently. What new varieties of fruits, veggies, and herbs are you going to add this year and what old favorites will you continue to grow?
- ☐ Mid to late February is the perfect time to start thinking about pruning roses because you still need to see some warming temperatures. See our section on **Rose Pruning** above for more information.
- ☐ Cut back hydrangeas.
- ☐ Lightly prune your roses, particularly climbers, to prevent damage during windy weather.

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