



# Winterizing Your Garden

## Winterizing Checklist

1. Yard Preparation: rake up debris
2. Add Winterizer Fertilizer: Fertilize trees, shrubs, perennials, flower beds, and lawn.
3. Irrigation system: have your irrigation system winterized by a professional!
4. Ponds and water features
  - a. Give fish needed vitamins for hibernation
  - b. Bring pump & filter indoors
  - c. Drain excess water out of lines
  - d. Clean debris
5. Protect or bring in water features, such as bird baths and fountains
6. Potted plants
  - a. Bring in pots susceptible to weather
  - b. Insulate pots remaining out during winter
  - c. Make accessible for watering during winter months and water as needed. (Varies greatly depending on the weather).
7. Vegetable Gardens: Remove debris such as dead plants and old roots.
8. Annuals and Perennials
  - a. Remove annuals & debris
  - b. Cut back unsightly perennials slightly above ground level
  - c. Leave desirable seed heads and foliage of select perennials for contrast.

d. Apply a 2-3" layer of bark Mulch in perennial beds. *We do not recommend the use of fallen leaves or pine needles.*

9. Trees and Shrubs

- a. Add 2 to 3 inches of bark mulch, leaving space around the tree trunks
- b. Apply bark Mulch to the cane on roses and shrubs
- c. Water during winter months to avoid damage and splitting.

10. Bulbs

- a. Plant spring bulbs before the ground freezes
- b. Dig up Cannas, tuberous begonias, and other tender bulbs that cannot survive zone 9 and below, and store in vermiculite

11. Soil Preparation

- a. Test soil and add amendments as necessary.
- b. Add 3 to 4 inches of compost on top of soil for vegetable gardens.

12. Tool preparation

- a. Clean and oil wooden and metal tools
- b. Store indoors
- c. Drain gas from power tools

Have any other questions? We're always here to help!