

Garden Calendar

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January

- Cut up your Christmas tree and use its branches to protect tender, dormant plants and semi-evergreen perennials.
- Engage in a little armchair gardening: Order seed catalogs and plant catalogs, kick back and plan your garden.
- Force spring-blooming flowering plants, such as forsythia and quince, to flower indoors.
- Rotate houseplants as they may have grown towards the sun. It's also a great opportunity to check for insect infestations like spider mites and scale insects.
- Force spring blooming bulbs indoors. Often pre-cooled narcissus are available at garden centers, nurseries and florist shops.
- Prune storm-damaged trees and shrubs. You may have to come back again later to make a better cut, but at least remove hanging or dangerous broken branches.
- Continue to monitor and spray shrubs for deer damage. Check netting and fencing for damage.