

Reminders and tips for December

- Prune woody ornamental plants and fruit trees and bushes and shred the prunings if possible
- Feed birds in cold weather and do not allow ponds, water features and bird baths to freeze over
- Continue winter digging incorporating organic matter into the soil
- Clean paths and repair sheds and fences
- Spray fruit trees and also roses with a tar oil winter wash
- Shake snow off trees shrubs and hedges
- Prune ornamental vines and grape vines
- Continue taking hardwood cuttings
- Sow seed of alpine plants
- Repair lawns if weather conditions allow
- Lift and heel in celery for winter supplies
- Earth up tall Brussels sprouts stems to support them
- Water plants over-wintering under cover sparingly now that they are dormant, to avoid the risk of over watering and rotting
- Take care of pot plants to get the best of their winter display
- Insulate garden taps and exposed pipes
- Bring in Christmas bulbs for flowering
- Prune tall bush roses to guard against wind rock