



December Garden Checklist

- Slow down and enjoy friends, family & your garden.

- Harvest & enjoy citrus. Share as gifts with friends & neighbors.

- Share gifts from your garden - salsa, jams, herbs, tea blends, loofah & more.

- Use branches from olive, citrus & bay laurel to decorate for the holidays.

- Check mature size on living Christmas trees before adding them to your yard.

- Start warm-season crop seeds (like tomatoes & peppers) indoors.

- Plan where you will plant roses & bare-root fruit trees next month.

- Plant wildflowers. Water until they sprout and as needed or wait for winter rains.

- Organize seeds before seed catalogs come so you know what you need.

- Harvest pomegranates, roselle & sweet potatoes if you haven't already.

- Collect leaves and save them for composting. Don't let leaves go to waste!

- Keep in-bed vermicomposting worms fed. Harvest castings to feed your containers.

- Spend time journaling about your garden. Highs, lows & what you learned.

- Learn what to cover if it freezes. Keep burlap or frost cloth on hand.

- Skip 1 watering for every ½ inch of rain. No rain? Water plants extra deeply 1 time.

- Ask for gardening gifts -- check GrowingInTheGarden.com for gift ideas & lists.

- Fill empty spots in your beds with cool-season vegetables, herbs & flowers.
