

January Garden Tips

GENERAL

- ⊗ Add garden recordkeeping to your list of New Year's resolutions. Note how plants perform in your garden. Sketch your garden plans on paper, including what to grow, spacing, arrangement and number of plants needed.
- ⊗ Feed & water the birds regularly.
- ⊗ Seed catalogs are available. Order plants early for best selection. Consider using improved insect and/or disease resistant and native plants.

HOME (Indoor plants and activities)

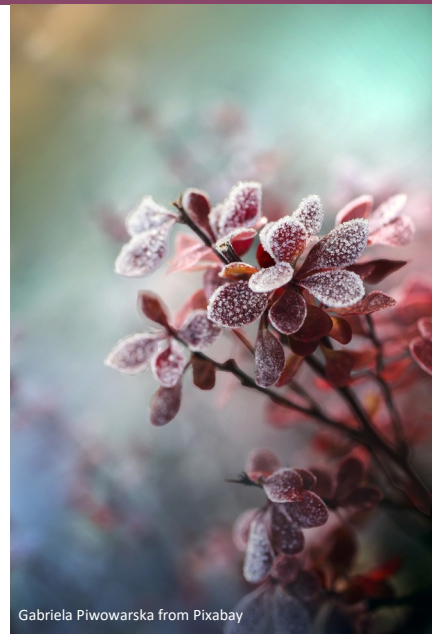
- ⊗ Check spring flowering bulbs you set aside for forcing. After 12 to 15 weeks move them out of the cold into a growing environment for bloom in 2 to 4 weeks.
- ⊗ Check stored produce and tender flower bulbs and roots for rot, shriveling or excess moisture. Remove and discard damaged material.
- ⊗ Keep holiday poinsettias and other holiday plants near a bright window and water as needed.
- ⊗ Gather starting trays, lights and starting mix, and other supplies you will need next month for seed starting.
- ⊗ Sow pansy seeds indoors for late April planting outdoors.
- ⊗ Increase humidity around houseplants by grouping plants together, placing them on a pebble-water tray or running a humidifier. Repot houseplants as needed.
- ⊗ Plant an indoor edible garden. With sufficient light, herbs and greens grow well indoors.

LANDSCAPE (Lawns, trees, shrubs and flowers)

- ⊗ Keep road and sidewalk salt away from plants. Consider using sand or sawdust instead.
- ⊗ Avoid heavy traffic on the dormant lawn. Dry grass is easily broken and the crown of the plant may be severely damaged or killed.
- ⊗ Brush snow from evergreens as soon as possible after a storm, but let ice melt on its own.
- ⊗ Check young trees for rodent injury on lower trunks and protect with hardware cloth or protective collars, but be sure to remove it in early spring to prevent other damage.
- ⊗ Early spring-flowering trees and shrubs, such as forsythia, crabapple, flowering quince, and flowering dogwood, can be forced for early indoor blooms by placing cut branches in water in a warm location.

GARDEN (Vegetables, fruits and herbs)

- ⊗ Wood ashes from the fireplace can be spread in the garden, but don't overdo it. Wood ashes increase soil pH, and excess application can make some nutrients unavailable for plant uptake. Have soil tested to be certain of the pH before and after adding wood ash.
- ⊗ Check stored fruits and vegetables such as potatoes and apples for bad spots which may lead to decay.



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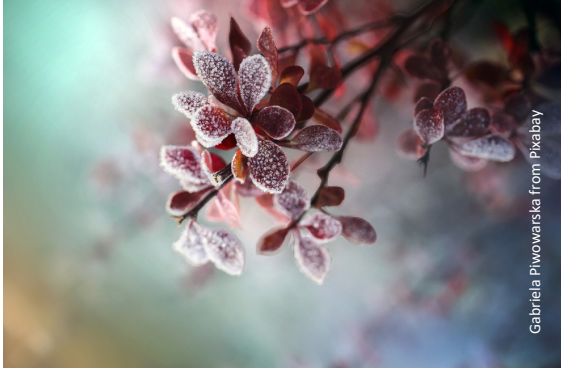
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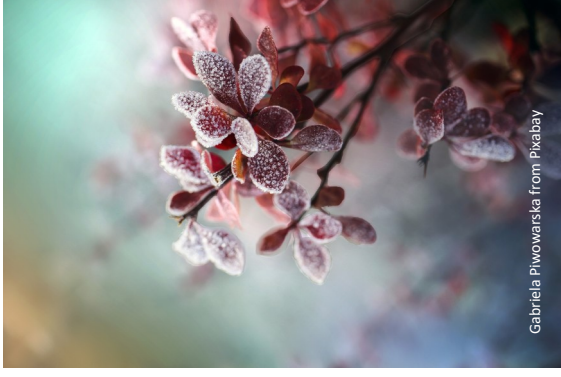
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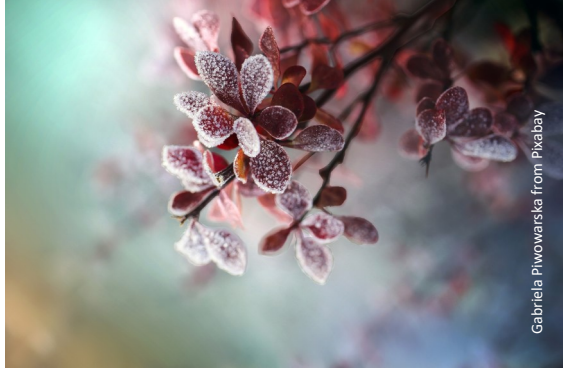
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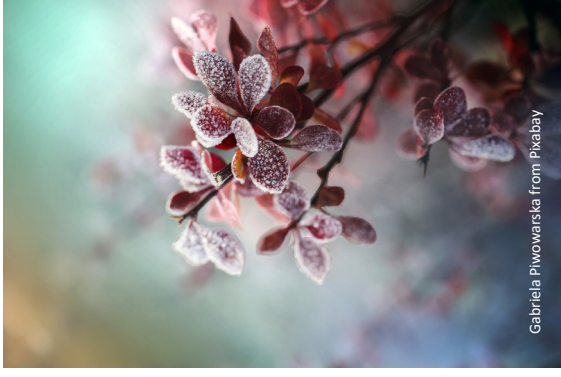
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January Pictures/Sketches/ Observations

