

November Garden Tips

GENERAL

- ☼ Put up additional bird feeders, and add a heater to a bird bath to accommodate birds' winter needs.
- ☼ Take steps to prevent garden ponds from freezing.
- ☼ Protect outdoor faucets and empty water lines.
- ☼ [Take care of tools](#). Clean power tools of all plant material and dirt. Replace worn spark plugs, oil all necessary parts, sharpen blades, and add fuel stabilizer. Clean and fix all hand tools. Sand and repaint worn handles. Sharpen and remove any rust.
- ☼ Order seed catalogs now for January garden planning.

HOME (Indoor plants and activities)

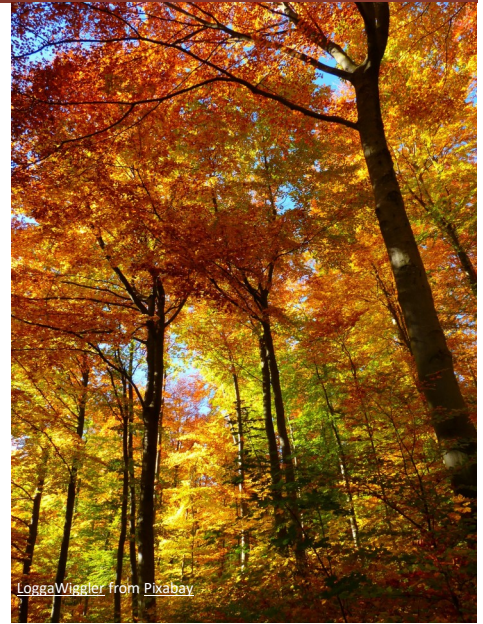
- ☼ Continue dark treatment for poinsettias by keeping them in complete darkness from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. daily until early December or until red bracts begin to show.
- ☼ Begin planting indoor edibles, such as herbs and greens, for use all winter long.

LANDSCAPE (Lawns, trees, shrubs and flowers)

- ☼ If needed, fertilize lawns around Thanksgiving after mowing has ceased.
- ☼ Dig and store tender flowering bulbs and keep in a protected location.
- ☼ Continue to [plant spring-flowering bulbs](#) until the ground is frozen.
- ☼ After the ground has frozen, mulch or apply winter protection to roses and perennials, if needed.
- ☼ After chrysanthemums have stopped blooming, cut stems back close to the ground.
- ☼ Spray sensitive evergreens with anti-desiccant to protect against damage from dry winds.
- ☼ If you are planning to order a ["live" Christmas tree](#), prepare its planting hole before the soil freezes. Mulch the area heavily to prevent freezing, or dig the hole and put fill in a protected, nonfreezing area such as a garage or basement.

GARDEN (Vegetables, fruits and herbs)

- ☼ If frost hasn't taken your garden yet, continue harvesting.
- ☼ Dig parsnips, Jerusalem artichokes and [horseradish](#) for the table and for cool storage.
- ☼ Protect the trunks of young fruit trees to prevent rodent damage, but only if needed.
- ☼ Be sure not to store apples or pears with vegetables. The fruits give off ethylene gas which speeds up the breakdown of vegetables and will cause them to develop off flavors.
- ☼ After the ground freezes, mulch small fruit plants such as strawberries. One inch of straw or leaves is ideal for strawberries.



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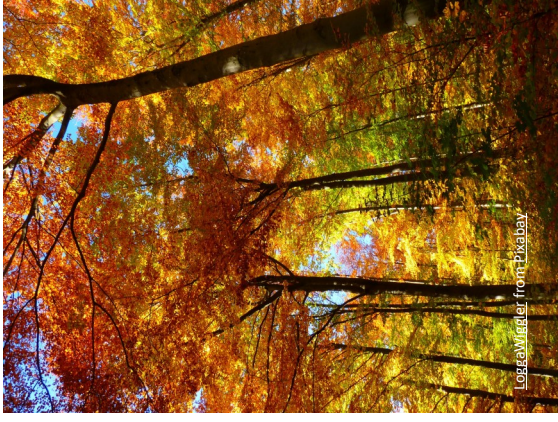
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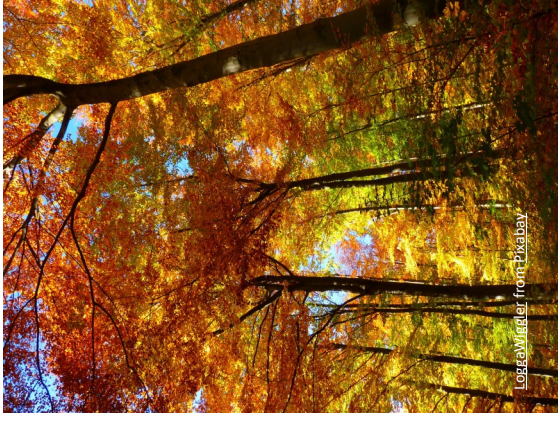
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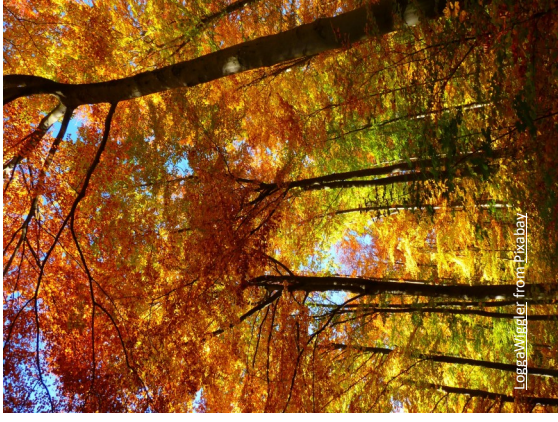
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