



December Garden Tips

WINTER CHORES – Mulch beds, rake leaves, clean up perennial beds this month. Compost those leaves but burn any diseased leaves.

FRUIT TREES AND ROSES - Spray with lime sulfur and or liquid copper on your peaches, nectarines, cherries and apricots, apples and pears.

BULBS – Last chance to prepare for spring color, plant those bulbs this month or you lose out.

DRANAGE – Monitor drainage problems and determine the best solution, surface drainage, or subterranean. Collect, conduct and dispose are the three keys to yard drainage.

LAWNS – Stay off frozen lawns, rake leaves and mow if you can and if it needs it.

PRUNING – Tie up or remove branches prone to breakage from and snow falls we may get.

MULCH – If you haven't already done so, apply 2-4 inches on compost/mulch in your flower beds.

SPRINKLER AND DRIP SYSTEMS – Drain your irrigation systems and prepare for those freezing night-time temperatures. Also, make sure your garden drains well over the winter. You may want to open drains, clean out drainage swales and correct any chronic wet spots.