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Fruit Trees

Fruit trees can be pruned in the winter. After pruning the fruit trees if you still have lime sulfur (It is no longer being made). Make an application of [lime sulfur](#) to control over wintering fungus spores if you do not have lime sulfur then use [Monterey Liqi-cop](#). Make the lime sulfur or Monterey Liqi-cop application when there is no rain or frost in the forecast for the day of application. When you grow Japanese Lace leaf maples, Lilac , or dogwoods also treat these trees with lime sulfur or Monterey Liqi-cop.

Flower Bulbs

Paperwhite daffodils can still be planted indoors. They will bloom within 10 days of planting.

Remove spent Amaryllis flowers and cut the Amaryllis flower stem, when all of the flowers on that stem have bloomed out.

Ponds

Install your [pond deicer](#) in your koi or goldfish pond now if you have not done this already. It will get much colder.

Moles

Get rid of moles with [Bonide MoleTox](#). Inject the gel into an active tunnel, or use a [mechanical mole trap](#).

Live Christmas tree

The live balled Christmas tree should be planted outside as soon as possible.

Flower and Vegetable beds

When the soil is not frozen the beds can be prepped for spring planting by adding sharp sand or compost to improve the soil. Do not over use the compost if you have added compost in the previous years. A high percentage of compost in the vegetable garden causes the tomatoes to not produce large tomatoes, and it causes root crops to not yield a good crop. Also check the Ph with a [PH tester](#).

House Plants

The Norfolk Island pine (a tropical evergreen) must be kept as cool and well lit place. Below 60 degrees at night. Water this indoor pine with 1/2 TBS of [seamate](#) in 1 qt of water every time you water this pine. Let the soil get dry in between waterings. The Xmas cactus is treated the same as the Norfolk pine.

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