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## Home

Winterize all outdoor faucets. Shut them off inside and make sure the pipes are drained. Winterize sprinkler systems. Make sure the pipes and valves are drained. Clean gutters and down spouts from fallen leaves.

If you have a pond, install a [pond heater](#) for the winter months. Also, remove, drain, and store the U.V. system in a frost free area.

## Holiday Plants

Poinsettias - Buy them from a Grower or a garden center that has a greenhouse.

Do not buy " Displayed in Sleeves " Poinsettias

Do not buy plants with milky spots

On your drive home protect them from the cold

Do not leave them in your car while you go shopping

When home place them in an area with indirect sunlight, but is still bright

Keep them at normal room temps 65-75 degrees

Feed them with [Seamate](#) every time you water

Christmas Cactus- Protect them from the cold

Do not leave them in the car while shopping

Keep them in a cool room 62-65 degrees at night

Keep soil moist, NOT WET

Feed them with Seamate every time you water

Cyclamen - Keep in slightly cool room

keep slightly moist , NOT WET

Never let them run out of water or " Dry out "

Feed them with Seamate every time you water

## Christmas trees

Balled Live trees - Dig hole before soil freezes

Protect soil to backfill the hole

Spray them with winter shield ( except blue trees)

Take them inside right before Christmas to limit indoor time

Try to not damage the tree when decorating

Keep it well watered, before bringing it indoor.

Cut trees - Best trees are : Fraser Fir , and Douglas ( Do not use spruces as a cut tree for indoor use)

Near the top of the tree, check the freshness of the tree by bending the branch.

Hit the stem on the ground , look for excessive needle drop.

Make sure you make a fresh cut of the trunk, before putting it in the stand.

Keep the reservoir full of water and add Prolong to the water.  
Never let the tree dry out

Move some chives and parsley plants indoors for the winter. This will help you keep a fresh supply of these herbs. Grow them in a well lit area and for best taste feed them with Seamate when watering.