

TIMELY TIPS

Plant: Finish planting daffodils and other spring bulbs. Plant tulips and hyacinths when soil temperatures are in the low 50's for several consecutive days. Otherwise, leave them in 45-degree refrigeration until the end of the month. Begin fruit and pecan plantings, as stock begins to arrive in nurseries. Transplant established trees, shrubs with landscape, also native plants into your landscape

Prune: Trees, shrubs to tidy their growth, also to remove damaged or errant branches. Do not "top" crape myrtles or other shade trees for any reason. It serves absolutely no good function.

Remove mistletoe before it gains a stronghold on cedar elms, hackberries and other shade trees. There is no chemical spray to control it.

Fertilize: Fertilization will resume in January

On The Lookout: Watch houseplants and greenhouse plants for signs of scale, mealy bugs, whiteflies and mites that accumulate indoors

Winter Checklist

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| Leaf and gutter clean up | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Fertilize in January | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Plant Spring bulbs. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Watch houseplants for signs of scale, whiteflies and mites that accumulate outdoors. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |



LEAF AND GUTTER CLEAN-UP

Perhaps one reason so few people garden during the fall is that they're saving their energy for the **big leaf clean-up**. It's a laborious job that's guaranteed to cause a few blisters and possibly even a neighborhood contest to see who can wait the longest to leaf clean their lawn. At this time of year the maintenance crews often find yards that require beds and/bag leaves prior to mowing your yard to make sure the end results are to your expectations, we will charge extra for the time taken spent removing the leaves. We will always work expeditiously to keep this to a minimum and hope you will understand. Along with leaf clean-up on your yard we will also blow your gutters. We will not clean gutters unless requested to, therefore please contact the office if you would like for us to clean your gutters. Don't forget to call the office if we need to change the frequency of your mowing schedule. Please call Carol or Lala to make these changes as each customers needs are different. Around this time of year some customers are on an every other week mowing schedule, while some are on a will call

basis. We will accommodate your needs as they arise. Thank you again for your continued business.



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Overwintering Tender Plants

You don't need a greenhouse to keep your favorites safe. Don't let the lack of a greenhouse deter you from keeping your bright tropicals alive through the winter. Some tropicals can be stored in a cool, dark place; some can stay in cool but bright conditions; and a lucky few spend winter in a warm, bright setting. Aside from watering plants that spend the winter in

active growth, there's not much time or work involved. Overwintering specialty plants like bananas, mean big savings for your wallet and big displays for your garden.

Warm, bright surroundings are a safe bet.

Before the season's first frost, bring the plants indoors and place them near a bright window with an eastern, southern, or western exposure. It is also a good idea to cut large plants

back by half to two-thirds before you bring them in the house to reduce their size and slow them down.

Winter care for winterized plants is simple. Water them whenever the soil dries out. Indoor air can take a toll on tropical plants, so providing additional humidity by grouping the plants in masses and misting frequently helps.

Some plants will drop many of their leaves before sprouting anew with foliage.