

NOVEMBER GARDENING CHECKLIST



- Get into the holiday spirit at Petitti's beginning the first full weekend in November!
- November is still a great time to plant, especially trees and shrubs. Apply **Petitti Plant Starter** or **Bio-tone®** to establish roots quickly. See our "[*Creating Winter Interest*](#)" garden guide for plant suggestions.
- Continue planting **spring blooming bulbs** until the ground freezes; planting depth is 3x the bulb's length. Apply **Bulb-tone®** to the hole as you plant, along with **Soil Perfector®** to keep rodents from digging them up.
- Plant extra bulbs in pots, sink them in the garden or place in a cold garage, bring indoors after 10-15 weeks.
- Pot-up **amaryllis, paperwhites & hyacinth** now, in soil or pebbles, to enjoy beautiful blooms indoors in 6-10 weeks.
- Last chance to feed your hollies, azaleas and other acid loving, evergreen plants with **Holly-tone®**.
- When growth slows, apply winter lawn food or "winterizer" to your lawn to help prevent winter diseases like snow mold, and strengthen its root system; apply **Lightning Lime™** to the lawn if you have not done so yet this fall.
- Keep mowing until your grass stops growing, eventually lowering your mower deck to 1.5"; this will reduce the risk of winter disease and make your lawn less inviting to pests.
- Keep your lawn free of fallen leaves; mulch/rake/gather and use them as winter protection around tender plants.
- Add soil amendments like **Lightning Lime™**, composted manure and **Sweet Peet®** to your landscape soil.
- Keep composting! Layer your grass, leaves, and cuttings from the garden and apply a compost accelerator on top.
- For first year perennials, including new fall mums, it is best to not cut them back. The dead foliage will provide natural winter protection, plus provides a marker where the plant should come back next spring.
- Cut back established perennials to the ground. Leave up any that provide winter interest or food for the birds including grasses, coneflower, Sedum, and Clematis.
- Any perennials in containers need to be sunk into the garden holding area or brought into the garage for the winter.
- Wait until late winter to do any major pruning, but remove dry, damaged or diseased growth at any time.
- Apply **Preen®** to a clean garden or landscape beds to reduce winter weed development.
- Cold crops such as leaf lettuce, spinach, cabbage, Brussels sprouts and kale in the garden sweeten with the arrival of frost; cover with frost cloth or leaves, and continue to harvest them into winter.

Additional checklist items are on the back side of this garden guide.



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- Extend the harvest of root crops like carrots, leeks and beets by giving them a healthy, 4" layer of mulch.
- Before the ground freezes, water all landscape plants well, if needed, to avoid winter burn, especially evergreens.
- Spray all the deer favorites with **Plantskydd®**, **Repels-All®**, or **I Must Garden®** before a hard freeze; if it is too cold to spray repellents, fence the deer favorites with burlap to keep them from browsing.
- Use vinyl tree wraps around the trunks of young trees to protect them from deer, rabbits and winter sunscald.
- Protect grafted rose canes, mophead & oakleaf hydrangea stems** with **Wilt Stop®**, then burlap, and mulch. These plants are very susceptible to winter wind/weather damage, adversely affecting next year's growth and flowering.
- Protect broadleaf evergreens like hollies & rhododendrons from winter desiccation by spraying **Wilt Stop®** now.
- Avoid winter breakage on junipers, arborvitae, roses, raspberries, etc. by tying, staking, or wrapping them.
- Protect tender, shallow rooted, or newly planted plants with 6-8" of winter mulch after the soil freezes.
- Drain and store garden hoses to prevent cracking.
- Garden tools should be cleaned and oiled; this includes draining fuel and winterizing power tools.
- Drain fountains; cover and protect them along with your patio furniture and statuary.
- Clean out pottery, flip & store upside down if not in use for winter. For pots in use, place **Pot Toes®** or **The Down Under Plant Stand®** underneath to lift, prevent freezing onto a hard surface, and reduce cracking and damage.
- Hang bird roosting pockets, houses, and feeders to help the birds this winter.
- Keep your holiday plants looking their best with our garden guide, "[*Common Holiday Plants & Their Care*](#)"
- Lower light levels indoors means no feeding and less watering for indoor plants, and be sure to keep them away from hot and cold drafts through windows, heat vents and doorways.
- Mist houseplants regularly to help replenish moisture lost by indoor heating, or place them on a humidity tray.
- Take advantage of a mild, sunny day to put up Christmas decorations, lights, wreaths, garlands, and fill containers with cut greens & berries, or purchase your favorite winter porch pot arrangements at Petitti's!



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