

# Winterize Your Garden: End-of-Season Checklist

Print and check off as you go

- 1. Cut back perennials once they've gone dormant; leave seed heads for birds and winter interest.
- 2. Clean up diseased foliage and dispose of it in the trash, not compost.
- 3. Divide and replant spring and early-summer perennials; water deeply once.
- 4. Top-dress beds with 1–2 inches of compost or Jonathan Green Organic Lawn Food for soil health.
- 5. Mulch beds with a 2-inch layer to reduce freeze-thaw cycles and protect roots.
- 6. Protect tender or new plantings with burlap wind screens or wraps.
- 7. Water evergreens deeply before the ground freezes.
- 8. Drain and store hoses; open outdoor spigots and install hose bib covers.
- 9. Shut down and drain irrigation lines and drip systems.
- 10. Empty, clean, and store clay or thin-walled pottery to prevent cracking.
- 11. Raise outdoor containers on pot feet; use frost-resistant pots for winter displays.
- 12. Wrap vulnerable pots with burlap or bubble wrap for insulation.
- 13. Clean and oil hand tools; sharpen pruners and loppers.
- 14. Store fertilizers, soils, and seeds in a dry, rodent-safe bin.
- 15. Cover raised beds with leaf mulch or a compost layer for winter protection.
- 16. Install burlap or hardware cloth guards to protect young trees from deer and rodents.
- 17. Set out frost cloths or row cover for early cold snaps; know where they are stored.
- 18. Plant spring-blooming bulbs once soil has cooled.
- 19. Sweep patios and walkways; secure loose stones or pavers.