

January

GARDENING CHECKLIST

BUILD RAISED BEDS FOR NEXT SEASON

If you are wanting some new raised beds in your garden next year, now is the time to start building them! This way they will be finished and ready to plant in the spring.

PLAN YOUR VEGETABLE GARDEN

Plan what to plant in your garden next year. Include vegetables that have done well in the past as well as some new varieties to try. Also include some flowers to attract insects and improve pollination.

LOOK THROUGH SEED CATALOGS AND ORDER SEEDS

Request seed catalogs from local companies and choose what seed varieties you would like to try. Order early for the best selection.

START A GARDEN JOURNAL

Having a garden journal can help you stay organized throughout the season. Keep your garden plan, plant tags, and empty seed packets so you know what you planted this year. Also keep a list of planting dates, harvest logs, and other notes that you can refer back to.

START PRUNING FRUIT TREES

It is best to prune fruit trees over the winter when they are dormant. Pruning fruit trees can be a big job, depending on how many fruit trees you have. Start early and try to finish before the buds begin to break in the spring.

CLEAN AND SHARPEN GARDENING TOOLS

Proper care and maintenance will help your tools last longer and function better. Clean your tools in soapy water and soak in vinegar to remove rust. Also sharpen your pruners, loppers, and shears. Make sure to store your tools in a clean, dry place.

HARVEST VEGETABLES FROM YOUR WINTER GARDEN

If you have any vegetables in your winter garden continue to harvest them as needed. Carrots and onions are great crops to overwinter.
