

WINTER GARDENING CHECKLIST



Winter is quieter, but not idle. Clean, sharpen, and oil your tools before storing them, and take stock of what worked well this past season and what you would do differently next time while it is still fresh in your mind. Order seed catalogs and start planning next year's garden, including any crop rotation you want to work in.

Toward the end of winter, begin your seed-starting schedule for the coming spring, working backward from your last frost date so slow-growing crops like tomatoes and peppers have enough time indoors before it is warm enough to plant them out.



1 CLEAN, SHARPEN & OIL TOOLS ☐

Clean dirt and sap off tools. Sharpen blades and edges. Oil metal parts to prevent rust before storing for the season.



2 TAKE STOCK & REFLECT ☐

Review your garden notes. What worked well? What challenges did you face? What would you do differently next time?



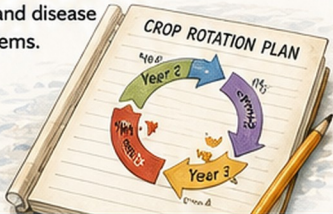
3 ORDER SEED CATALOGS & PLAN AHEAD ☐

Browse seed catalogs, make a wish list, and plan your garden layout and crop rotation for next year.



4 PLAN CROP ROTATION & GARDEN LAYOUT ☐

Rotate crops to improve soil health and reduce pest and disease problems.



5 CHECK & MAINTAIN GARDEN STRUCTURES ☐

Inspect trellises, cages, raised beds, and fencing. Make repairs now so they're ready in spring.



6 COMPOST & SOIL PREP PLANNING ☐

Turn or add to your compost pile if weather allows. Plan soil amendments and order what you may need.



7 PROTECT PERENNIALS & FRUIT PLANTS ☐

Mulch around perennials, berries, and fruit trees for winter protection. Wrap or guard young trees if needed.



8 BEGIN SEED-STARTING SCHEDULE ☐

Work backward from your last frost date. Start seeds indoors for slow-growing crops like tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant.



9 ORGANIZE & STORE SUPPLIES ☐

Sort seeds and supplies. Clean and store pots, labels, stakes, and other garden items in a dry place.



WINTER REMINDERS



Check the weather and protect plants from extreme cold or heavy snow.



Keep your garden journal up to date all winter long.



Enjoy the quiet season—plan, learn, and get excited for spring!



A little time spent now leads to a better garden tomorrow!

