

Canadian Gardening

Winter gardening checklist

- Mulch garden beds after the ground has frozen.
- Create a winter urn with evergreen boughs, pine cones and berried branches.
- Add gardening supplies to your holiday wish list.
- Pot up paperwhites and amaryllis for holiday blooms.
- Request seed catalogues.
- Hang bird feeders and fill with seed.
- Organize photos of your garden for a paper or electronic journal.
- Sign up for gardening courses.
- Visit a conservatory or atrium garden.
- Plan design changes for next season's garden.

Essential winter plants:

- ❁ Flowerbulb: Snowdrops (*Galanthus* spp.)
- ❁ Indoor Plant: Begonia (*Begonia* cvs.)
- ❁ Shrub: Holly (*Ilex x meserveae*)
- ❁ Tree: White fir (*Abies concolor*)

Tip:

Protect young evergreens, Japanese maples and rhododendrons against drying winter winds and sunscald with a burlap screen placed about a metre away.



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