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## JANUARY'S ORGANIC PLANNING GUIDE

*This is a Great Time to Plant!*

### PLANT:

- **Trees and shrubs** now so they will be well established by summer. Avoid planting cold-tender plants such as: oleander, pittosporum and palms
- **Pansies, viola, cyclamen, snapdragons, primulas, ornamental kale & cabbage**
- **Spring-flowering bulbs** including daffodils can be planted now. **Tulips & Dutch hyacinths** that have been refrigerated for at least 45 days at 45°.
- **Onions**, later this month
- **Fruit trees, pecans, blackberries, and grapevines.**
- **Existing shrubs and trees** if you need to relocate them

### PRUNE:

- **Fruit trees** to encourage stronger limbs. **Grapes**, remove 75 to 85% of their cane growth.
- **Trees** to remove mistletoe, dead or damaged limbs, and unwanted roots--limit removal to 1 or 2 significant roots each year. Don't "top" trees.
- **Shrubs** that require heavy shearing and re-shaping.

### FERTILIZE:

- Newly planted trees and shrubs with **Nature's Guide Root Stimulator** every 2-3 weeks to help prevent transplant shock, increase beneficial microorganisms, and encourage root development.
- Plants that aren't thriving with **Nature's Guide Tree Therapy** w/corn meal, molasses, greensand, etc.
- Existing ryegrass and fescue with **Ladybug 8-2-4** or **Nature's Guide 5-3-2**.
- Add **Texas Greensand** for deep greening in lawns, trees and landscape plants.
- Pansies & other annuals, during warm spells, with **Hi-Yield Blood and Bone Meal** to encourage blooms.

### BE ON WATCH:

- For bugs use **Ferti.lome Triple Action** which contains Neem Oil, an all-purpose organic remedy.
- Apply **Nature's Guide Garrett Juice** once a month to your landscape to increase beneficial microorganisms in the soil and to reduce the need for water.
- Spot treat grassy and broadleaf weeds with **Nature's Guide 20% Vinegar** with **2 oz of Orange Oil added per gallon** during warmer weather.
- Keep **frost cloth** on hand and cover tender plants to protect from freezing weather. Top dress landscape and flower beds with at least a 2 inch layer of **mulch** to help retain moisture and keep soil temperature warmer.

### WATER:

- Container plants, flower beds, shrubs & trees as needed to keep healthy and reduce winter damage.
- Trees installed for less than two years must have special care to ensure a strong and healthy root system. See our Plant Article on **Tree Care for the First Two Years** on our website or come by and pick one up.

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Now is the **time to plan**. We're not as busy as we will be in Spring, so it's a great time to visit with one of our nursery professionals to get help with your plant needs. Or, if you want a professionally designed landscape created for you, this is also a great time to work with one of our designers.