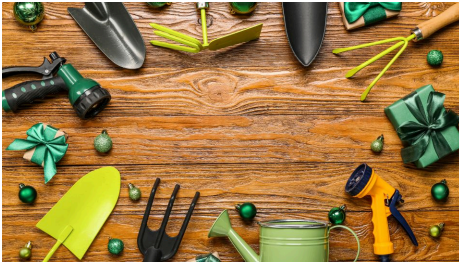


Ask an Expert - December Gardener's Almanac Tips

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Though yards and gardens have been put to bed, there are still outdoor tasks to consider and holiday gardening gifts to be given. Consider these ideas.

- Use [deicing compounds](#) sparingly to avoid salt damage to landscape plants.
- If precipitation is sparse and the ground is not frozen, water evergreen trees and shrubs to ensure they are well-hydrated going into winter.
- Learn about [Christmas tree selection and care](#).
- Purchase [poinsettias](#) to brighten your home. Learn how to care for them and keep them alive beyond the holidays.
- Spruce up your holiday decorating with a variety of [holiday plants](#). They can provide vibrant color and interesting texture to your décor.
- Give gardening gifts. Ideas include: books, pruners, gift certificates, gloves, a living wreath, pottery, and yard ornaments.
- Consider taking an [online gardening course](#) or giving one as a gift this season. Use code GARDEN25 for 25% off courses through December 31, 2025.
- Sign up to become a member of the [USU-sponsored Botanical Gardens](#) and receive discounts on classes and workshops, along with other benefits. Or, consider giving a gardening membership as a gift!

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