

December Gardener's Almanac Tips - Ask an Expert

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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 give. Consider these ideas.

- Use [deicing compounds](#) sparingly to avoid salt damage to landscape plants.
- If natural precipitation is sparse and the ground is not frozen, water evergreen trees and shrubs to ensure they are well hydrated heading into winter.
- Purchase [poinsettias](#) to brighten your home. Learn how to care for them and keep them alive beyond the holidays.
- Spruce up you holiday decorating with a wide variety of [holiday plants](#). They offer color and texture to décor.
- Learn about [Christmas tree selection and care](#).
- Shop for your gardener. Great holiday gifts include: books, pruners, gift certificates, gloves, a living wreath, pottery, and yard ornaments.
- 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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