

# DECEMBER GARDENING JOBS CHECKLIST

## General

- Protect ponds and outdoor taps from freezing
- Prepare soil for next year's crops
- Spike the lawn with a garden fork to improve drainage
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- Clear fallen leaves
- Organise your garden shed

## Greenhouse

- Clean the greenhouse
- Check for pests and treat if necessary
- Pick faded leaves and dead flowers from plants
- Remove snow from the top of greenhouses and cold frames

## Animals

- Provide fat-rich bird food
- Top up the bird bath with fresh water
- Provide a bee refuge
- Create a log shelter to provide shelter for wildlife

## Plants

- Prune fruit trees, dormant shrubs, hedges, roses, and Japanese maples
- Plant spring bulbs such as daffodils, crocuses, and fritillaries
- Propagate hardwood cuttings from suitable trees, shrubs, and climbers
- Lift and store dahlia tubers
- Cluster container plants together to protect from colder weather
- Propagate oriental poppies
- Check tree ties
- Collect Christmas foliage for decorations

## Produce

- Harvest remaining root crops
- Protect plants from the frost
- Protect winter cabbages from diseases and pigeons
- Divide rhubarb clumps
- Protect fruit trees from moths with glue or grease bands
- Clear the vegetable plot
- Plan next year's vegetable garden