

# Gardening in December



## TREES

## Planting Schedule

- Cold hardy Fruit Trees.
- Trees shrubs and other permanent plants.

## Vegetables Seeds and Plants

- Artichoke plant
- Cabbage seed & plants
- Carrot seed
- Celery plant
- Chervil
- Chinese cabbage
- Chicory seed
- Cilantro seed
- Garlic cloves
- Horse Radish root
- Kale seed & plants
- Kohlrabi seed
- Leek set
- Lemon Balm plant
- Lettuce seed
- Mache/Corn Salad
- Mint plant
- Mustard seed
- Multiplying onion seed & bulbs
- Red radish seed
- Rosemary, Sage, & Thyme plants
- Winter Savory plant
- Snow Peas, Sugar Snap seeds
- Spinach seeds

## Strawberry Plants

- Tendergreens (mustard spinach) seed
- Turnip seed 30 day variety
- Plant: Spring & summer flowering perennials. Cool season grasses and solid sod. Fall color: Pansies, dianthus & snapdragons.

## Things to Do

**FERTILIZE:** Foliar feed all plantings and lawns with Seaweed or compost tea.

• Bulbs, annuals and perennial with earthworm castings. Indoor plants with Lava sand and earthworm castings. Add 1 teaspoon of natural apple cider vinegar to irrigation water per gallon.

**PRUNE:** • Necessary tree pruning, remove dead limbs.

• Prune shrubs to remove longest shoots. • Remove spent flowers and seeds. • Cut off tops of brown perennials. Cover with native mulch. • Cut back tender herbs, such as lemon grass. Dig up stalks and put in a protective bright place - replant in spring. Can be left in ground in warm climates.

**WATER:** All planting areas at least once a week, if no rain.

## PESTS:

**Brown patch in St. Augustine:** Use Micro Gro or cornmeal over infected area.

**Grubworms:** Apply beneficial nematodes. Treat infected soil with biostimulants, molasses , compost.

**Chinch bugs:** Dust natural diatomaceous earth and spray with Orange oil mixture. In 2 weeks spray beneficial nematodes.

**Aphids:** Safer soap, or Garrett Juice & Garlic Barrier.

**Fire Ants:** Green Light fire ant killer. Citrex, Broadcast orange or grapefruit peelings or pulp, Beneficial nematodes or try horticultural corn meal & molasses.

**Chewing insects:** Spray Neem oil mixture and broadcast beneficial nematodes, dust natural diatomaceous earth or spray Garrett juice with Garlic barrier add 2 ounces of orange oil per gallon for hard to control insects.