



# Winterizing Your Gardens

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## Topics

- ❁ Winterizing Your Vegetable Gardens
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- ❁ Winterizing Your Tools/Equipment

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## Winterizing Your Vegetable Garden

- ✧ Perfect time to take soil test
- ✧ Remove spent plants and plant debris
  - ✧ "Good" debris goes to compost pile
  - ✧ Diseased debris goes to trash heap
- ✧ Spread compost and/or manure
- ✧ Rough till

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## Winterizing Your Vegetable Garden (cont'd)

- ✧ Plant cover crop
- ✧ Cold frame over cool-season veggies
- ✧ Insulate compost pile/bin

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## Winterizing Your Flower Garden

### Tropicals & Containers

- ✿ Tropical and container plants inside
  - ✿ Check pots for cracks
  - ✿ Replant if necessary
- ✿ Clean pots/containers

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## Winterizing Your Flower Garden (cont'd)

### Annuals & Bulbs

- ✿ Dig and store tender bulbs
- ✿ Cuttings of annuals
- ✿ Collect seeds
- ✿ Plant spring-flowering bulbs

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## Winterizing Your Flower Garden (cont'd)

### Perennials

- ✧ Divide perennials
- ✧ Touch up perennial beds/mulch
- ✧ Leave ornamental grasses until late winter
- ✧ Take care of roses

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## Winterizing Your Flower Garden (cont'd)

### Trees & Woody Ornamentals

- ✧ Avoid heavy pruning
- ✧ Adequate water before hard freeze
- ✧ Fertilize with high P (5-10-5)
- ✧ Plant deciduous plants before freeze

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## Winterizing Your Tools & Equipment

- ✿ Mowers/tillers/tractors – follow manual
  - ✿ Clean decks (top and underneath)
  - ✿ Change oil/filter
  - ✿ Check belts
  - ✿ Remove/sharpen blade – follow manual
  - ✿ Empty or stabilize fuel
  - ✿ Store in clean, dry area
  - ✿ Disconnect/remove battery

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## Winterizing Your Tools & Equipment (cont'd)

- ✿ Hand tools
  - ✿ Clean
  - ✿ Sharpen
  - ✿ Oil blades
  - ✿ Protect wooden handles

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## Winterizing Your Gardens

- ✿ Visit: <http://extension.missouri.edu>
- ✿ Click on "Lawn and garden" in green bar
- Or
- ✿ Enter key word in upper right...  
"Search MU Extension"
- Or
- ✿ Call MG Hotline (581-4853)



## QUESTIONS





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