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## December Garden Tips

- Apply a second application of dormant spray to your fruit trees and roses.
- On these cold nights, make sure plants are well watered, especially the ones under the eaves, that don't get any rain all season. Plants that are too dry are susceptible to more cold damage.
- Spray frost tender plants, such as Citrus, Ferns, Cymbidium Orchids and Bougainvillea with a solution

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## Garden Happenings

Happy Holidays to all my wonderful family, friends, clients and business associates. Thanksgiving has come and gone, Hanukkah is very early this year and Christmas is fast approaching.

These can be busy times in December, but take a moment (may be with a cup of tea) and look at your garden with fresh eyes, now the leaves are dropping rapidly and you can 'see the bones of your garden', really look at what needs to be added, subtracted or enhanced to make it even better next season!!

Some plants need to be cut back now, some need to wait till all danger of frost is past before you give them their annual haircut.

I did plant about 1,000 bulbs last week, with some help, but it will be so worth it next spring when they will make a big splash in the garden.

called 'Cloud Cover' purchased at any nursery or hardware store. If very chilly nights, you can also cover your tenders with a breathable landscape fabric for added protection.

- Prune any dormant trees now if not done so already.
- Also now is a great time to transplant any trees or shrubs that are dormant. Doing it now will ensure the greatest success with a minimum amount of transplant shock.
- Clean up under your shrubs and trees, dead leaves can harbor over-wintering insects and/or diseases.
- Bring some color to your garden beds and/or pots this month by adding annuals. Cyclamen, Primroses, Pansy's and Viola's, Iceland Poppies make a nice splash of color now.
- Feed your lawns again with a winter food and a crabgrass control if there are any signs of this invasive weed.

Need a garden tune-up, pruning or other work? I'm here to help so feel free to contact me at [lmeikle@comcast.net](mailto:lmeikle@comcast.net).

Also please share this newsletter with friends that may need help or advise for their garden or who would appreciate the tips.

You can now follow me on Facebook and get even more garden tips and inspiration. Just click the Facebook button and press the Like button at the top of the window. Have any gardening questions? Email me and I'll answer them on line.



Are you tired of looking at unnatural shaped bushes and hedges? Add more interest,color and texture for a dose of curb appeal.

#### Before



After years of pruning by shaping into balls or squaring off the shrubs leads to an uninteresting landscape.

#### After



Introducing blooming shrubs and perennials that flower at different times of the season and are pruned to a natural shape, no power tools!!

Wishing you a truly magical holiday season and much Peace, Happiness and Health to you all...

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