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Garden Happenings

Happy December to all and may your holidays be filled with good times, family, friends and good health!

My video this month is how to plant pots for a living decoration that will last and flourish way after the holidays have past, so don't forget to check it out!

December can be crazy busy with holiday parties, but if you could take some time to look over your garden this month, it's a great time to see if trees and shrubs need to be pruned while the branches are bare of leaves. It's very important to use clean, sharp pruners to do this, you don't want to spread diseases amongst your plants, especially roses, with an old rusty pair of shears.

Transplanting can be done now also if the tree or shrub is not too established, maybe it was not in the correct place and has too much or not enough sun to really thrive. Just make sure you dig up a good size root ball, so the roots aren't exposed, transplant to an area that has been well amended with new composted soil and water in well. It will

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December Garden Tips From Your Garden Coach

☀️ 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 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

have much more of a chance to succeed while it's in the dormant stage.

Remember, I also offer a service of a seasonal clean up, pruning, fertilizing and sprucing up the garden with some maintenance guys who are fabulous, so please call me if you would like that service.

It's fun to buy bulbs and plant in the garden for an incredible spring show. Bulbs can be planted in a container inside your home also, lay them on a bed of sand or decorative pebbles, add water just up to the bottom of the bulb, and in a few weeks, you could have a lovely show of Narcissus or Hyacinth for a display of color and fragrance. Just make sure your container has no drainage hole, it has to hold water; this is called "forcing bulbs".



Enjoy your month, Happy Holidays to all, have a fun and safe New Years and I'll be speaking with you again next year!

December Video Tip

I'll show you an easy way to create living Holiday decorations to brighten your home or give as gifts.

My Youtube Channel: [lyndayourgardencoach](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

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 and Stock make a nice splash of color now.

✿ Feed your lawns again with a winter food and a crabgrass control if any signs of this invasive weed.



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