



GARDENING HINTS FROM THE PRO

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December 2018 To-Do List

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- **Flowerbeds** - Deadhead and feed cool season color plants with Color Star Fertilizer. Continue to plant cool weather color: pansies, snapdragons, cabbage, kale, viola, alyssum, lobelia, cyclamen, and much more...
- **Lawns** - Your lawn should be in a dormant state and there's not much to do at this point. Make sure to back off your water while the lawn is dormant but make sure to water if we are going to have freezing temperatures.
- **Poinsettias** - Water well until soil is saturated and allow to dry between waterings. Apply water to soil and not the foliage or blooms. Keep away from drafts.
- **Birds** - Don't forget to keep seed feeders full and fresh water in bird baths. Put out suet cakes. The extra protein helps keep our feathered friends warm in the winter months.
- **Freezes** - Have frost cloth on hand to cover tender plants in case of freezing weather. Wrap plants completely down to ground level. The less cold drafts move under the frost cloth, the better.
- **Vegetable Garden** - Work compost into the top couple inches of your garden beds. Plant a cover crop in empty beds such as peas, oats, or rye to keep the soil active. These cover crops can be cut and worked into the soil before spring planting. You can still plant cool weather seeds about every 2 weeks for fresh veggies into spring.