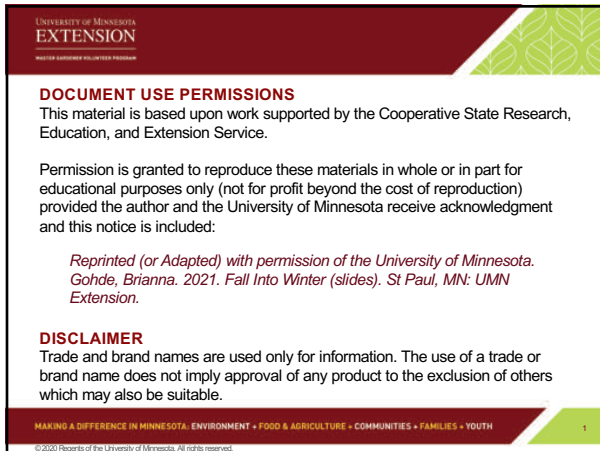




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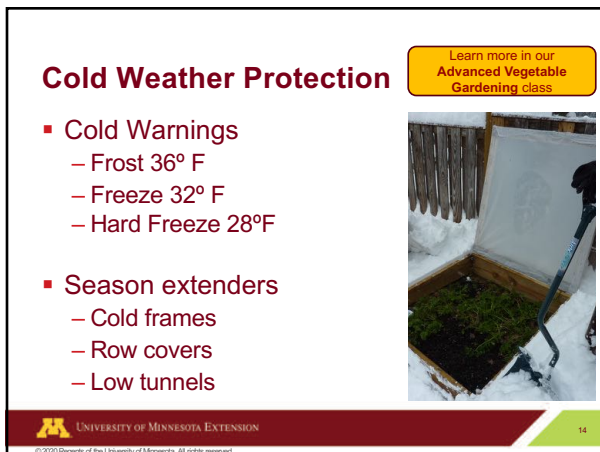
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Fall Clean-up

- Remove unwanted plants
 - Weed control
 - Dead & diseased plants
 - Unwanted insect habitat
- Prepare for spring gardening
 - Soil test & amendments
 - Mowing & mulching
 - Watering



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Annual Plants (flowers & vegetables)

- Harvest when ripe
 - Use protection from frost
 - Remove plants before ground freezes
- Cover the soil
 - Cover crops
 - Mulch




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Perennial Plants

- Divide & transplant spring-blooming plants
- Plant spring bulbs & garlic
- Move houseplants inside
- Collect native flower seeds




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Trees & Shrubs

- Limit any pruning
 - Storm damage
 - Dead or dying
- Add new woody plants in early fall
 - Water until ground freezes
 - Mulch area well
- Install winter protectors
 - Windbreaks & bindings
 - Tree guards & trunk wraps



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Lawn & Turf

- Apply new seed & sod
- Weed control & fertilizers
- Aerate & dethatch
- Mow as needed until temperatures below 45°F



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Wildlife Support

- Minimize clean-up
 - Leave perennials stems
 - Keep leaf piles near trees
- Add a (heated) water source
- Install a birdfeeder




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Pest & Damage Control

Learn more in our Pest Detective class



- Use Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
 - Remove weedy seed heads
 - Remove diseased material
- Minimize soil disturbance
- Watch for pests invading homes

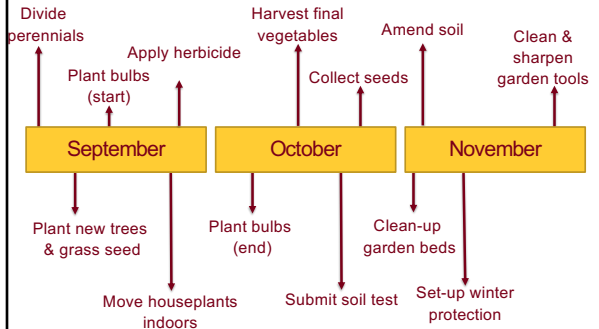
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Season Recap (Fall)



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Winter

December — January — February



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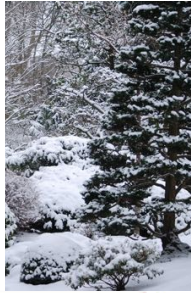
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General Winter Garden Care

- Equipment & seeds
 - Take inventory
 - Purchase new
- Houseplant care
- Start (long-season) seeds
- Prune trees & shrubs



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Garden Preparation

- Planning
- Inventory
- Tools
 - Clean & Sanitize
 - Sharpen



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Sources of Seeds

- Seed catalogs & garden stores
 - Higher prices & more varieties
- Seed libraries & seed swaps
 - Low cost & fewer varieties
- Save your own
 - No cost & fewest varieties



Learn more in our
All About Seeds class

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Annual Plants (flowers & vegetables)

- Tip-over outdoor containers or store indoors (garage)
- Select & purchase seed
- Start seeds
 - Indoor growing
 - Winter outdoor sowing



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Perennial Plants

- Houseplant care
 - Watering
 - Cleaning
 - Propagation
 - Fertilizing
- Purchase perennial plants (will ship when ready)



Learn more in our Houseplant Success class

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Trees & Shrubs

- Avoid shaking off snow
- Prune in early spring
- Purchase new woody plants (will ship when ready)
- Remove winter protectors
 - Windbreaks & bindings
 - Tree guards & trunk wraps



Learn more in our Pruning Trees & Shrubs class

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Lawn & Turf

- Minimize foot traffic during thaws
- Watch for damage
 - Vole trails
 - Snow mold
 - Salt damage
 - Dead spots



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Wildlife Support

- Insects
 - Avoid disturbing plant debris
- Birds
 - Provide food & water
 - Regularly clean & sanitize feeders
- Larger wildlife
 - Feeding not recommended



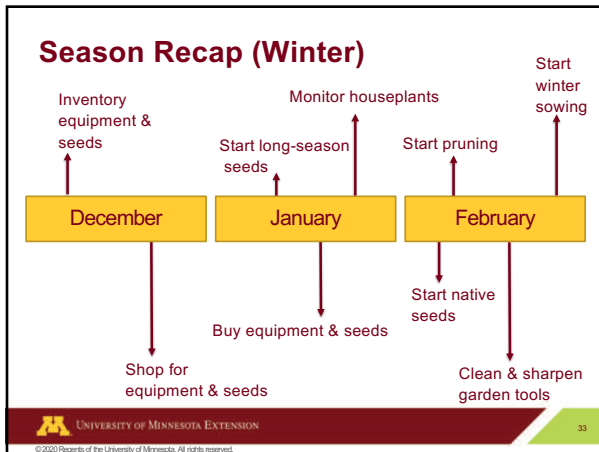
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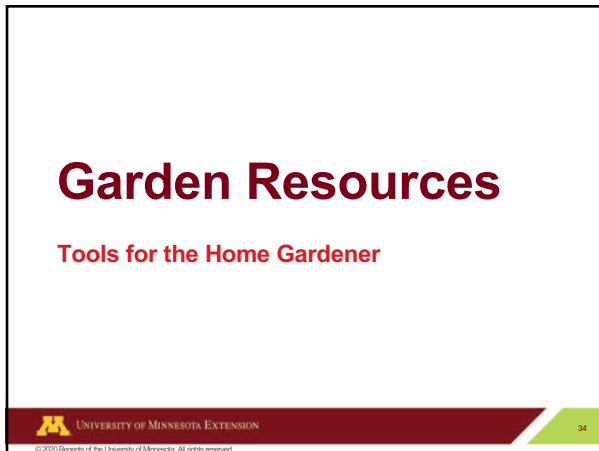
- Watch for pests in homes
 - Houseplant pests
 - Rodents
- Be careful of over-watering plants



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Find these links on the class resource webpage

U of MN Extension Yard & Garden (website)

<https://extension.umn.edu/yard-and-garden>

- Details for growing
- Diagnosing problems
- Tips & best practices
- Links to more resources

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Ask Extension (online tool)

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/ask>

- Email Master Gardener Volunteers
- Provide as much detail as possible including images
- Get a response within 48 hours

NOTE: Caller ID will be "Unknown Caller"

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U of MN Soil Test Laboratory

<http://soiltest.cfans.umn.edu/>

- Learn about your soil
 - Texture & Structure
 - Nutrient levels
 - pH
 - Soil amendment recommendations
- \$17 per test

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Master Gardener Volunteers

www.RamseyMasterGardeners.org

- Local community members
 - Receive extra Extension education
 - Share scientific-based information
- Where to find Master Gardeners
 - Educational programs
 - Farmers Markets
 - Fairs and other community events



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Yard Waste & Food Scraps Sites

<https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/recycling-waste/collection-sites/yard-waste>

- Accepts leaves, grass clippings, branches, brush & food scraps
- Offers free compost & wood mulch
- Multiple locations
 - For Ramsey County residents
 - Photo ID is required