

QUALITY POTTERY

January Planting Tips

- **Garden Color:** For cool weather color, plant cyclamen, dianthus, calendula, alyssum, pansies, violas, snapdragon, stock, and poppies.
- **Vegetables:** There is still time to plant cool weather vegetables from seed, including lettuce, spinach, Swiss chard, cabbage, carrots, radishes, Sow beets, parsley, peas, turnips, onions, potatoes, broccoli, kohlrabi, kale, Chinese cabbage, Chinese celery, cilantro, collards, leeks and mustard greens.
- Start tomatoes from seed indoors.
- **Spring Planting:** Prepare vegetable and flower beds for spring planting by amending soil now with compost and soil sulphur.
- **Pruning:** After leaves have dropped, prune deciduous trees and shrubs by cutting out (a) diseased or dead branches, (b) branches that detract from the desired shape of the plant, (c) branches that are growing inward, (d) any branches that are in your way. Always know WHY you are pruning!
- **Roses:** Prune back existing roses by one half to two thirds. Water twice a week. Do not feed until February.
- **Clean-up:** This is a great month for clean-up of gardens and landscapes. Remove leaf and branch debris from around plants to discourage future pests and diseases, rake fallen leaves, and remove weeds.
- **Watering:** Continue slow, deep, and less frequent watering of established trees and shrubs. Most established trees and shrubs will need irrigation every 3 to 4 weeks.
- **Cold Weather:** Continue to cover frost sensitive plants with frost cloth on evenings when we have frost warnings. Remain vigilant about covering over the next two months, as the traditional last date for frost is March 15. (and we've had snow in mid-April)
- **Lawns:** Keep your winter lawn looking beautiful with regular applications of Lawn Food.
- **Weeds:** Begin to control next year's weeds with applications of preemergent granules.
- **Citrus and Stone Fruits:** Apply season long Fruit, Citrus & Vegetable Insect Control. Kills insects such as thrip and prevents new infestations.
- **Plant** bare-root plants