

Time to Give Thanks!



November 2016 Garden Planner



Plant:

• Sow seeds of winter vegetables like peas, spinach, lettuce, kale, and other greens into flats. Use *Hydrofarm Seed Mats* for bottom heat and quicker germination. Beets, carrots, onions, and radishes are best started directly in the ground. See our *Vegetable Seed Planting Guide* for details.

• Starter plants of broccoli, cabbage, lettuces, peas and cauliflower are still available for cool season gardens. Protect them from voracious snails and slugs with organic and safe, *Sluggo*. It even breaks down into nutrients for your plants!

• Treat yourself to some gourmet varieties of **Potatoes!** Planted now, new potatoes will be ready to start harvesting in the spring. They are easy to grow in the ground or in containers. Try our *Gardman Potato Tub*, for easy growing and harvesting. Our *Potato Guide* is available on our website, www.yamagamis.com under Garden Guides, or here in the nursery. We also offer some terrific varieties of garlic, onions and shallots.

• Add **spice** to your life and garden! Chives, Greek Oregano, Rosemary, Sage, and Thyme are **perennial herbs** that can still be planted. **Annual herbs** that are best planted in fall include Parsley and Cilantro.

• Invest in your spring glory. The weather is just right for planting most **fall bulbs**. Daffodils and freesias are easy to grow, naturalize (go

native), and deer leave them alone! Double (or triple) the show by combining different bulbs in layers in a pot with a top cover of pansies. The bulbs will poke through and add their glory to the pansies.

• **Paperwhite Narcissus** bulbs take 6 weeks to bloom when forced. Plan and plant your holiday centerpieces and gifts accordingly. For forcing instructions, follow our free Forcing Bulbs Guide available on our website or here in the store.



• **Container gardens** are a great way to get big impact with little work. Herb bowls, salad bowls, bulb bowls, and color bowls will satisfy your need to grow without having to dig. Use all-organic *G & B Potting Soil* in your pots. **It's not too early to think about potting up some gift containers for the holidays.**

• **Cactus and succulents** make terrific container plants for brown thumbs. Because they have small root systems, you can plant them in small pots, tins, shells or pretty much anything that can be drilled for drainage. Be creative this holiday season and plant your own distinctive gifts and centerpieces. We offer a good supply of starter-size plants.

• **Blooming Cyclamen** are in bountiful supply. They will continue to bloom all through the winter and into next spring. Come see our unsurpassed selection.

Fertilize:

• Apply **GreenAll Fall and Winter**

Feed to your lawn to recharge it and keep it green. It is specially formulated to be effective even in cool weather.

• **Cool season color** will thrive if fertilized with *Maxsea (16-16-16)* every two weeks. For faster results, use it as a foliar feed by spraying it directly on the plant as per directions.

• Feed your **cool season vegetables and herbs** with *G & B Tomato, Vegetable and Herb Fertilizer* at planting time and then again every two months.

• *Espoma Bulb-tone* contains bone meal which provides phosphorous to help bulbs develop vigorous blooms and beneficial microbes to increase overall health of bulbs. Use it when you plant your **bulbs**, and again when they show growth, and again at bloom time. This is especially important for naturalized bulbs to help them to store energy for the next year.

• Feed **Cymbidium Orchids** with *GrowMore Orchid Bloom Formula*

(6-30-30) to promote bloom spikes for next year's flowers. Cymbidiums should be outdoors in a protected spot to set buds. Bit for snails who love to eat their flower buds. You can bring flowering plants indoors after half the buds start to open.



Prune:

• Trim tree branches away from **eaves and gutters** to avoid a build-up of debris and possible damage from winter storms. This also deters rodents from using those branches as a super-highway into your home.

• Unless you want to harvest rose hips, **deadhead** roses (remove spent

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blooms). Cut the stems back farther than you normally would to make your January pruning an easier job.

• Remove “**water-sprouts**” on your Citrus whenever you see them. Dwarf varieties seem to have more of them than standard Citrus. Water sprouts are much more vigorous



than the rest of the plant, have larger leaves, often have large thorns, and grow out of kilter from the rest of the plant. Another characteristic is that their stems are often flattened instead of being round. If left unchecked, they will dominate the tree and don't usually flower or fruit.

• **Wait** to prune back spring-blooming plants like Lilacs and Camellias until after their next bloom.

Preventative Medicine:

• Be prepared to **protect your frost-tender** plants for when temperatures start dipping into the thirties at night. Pick up your supplies now before you actually need them. The single most important protection is to make sure soil is moist. Fully hydrated leaves and roots are much less susceptible to damage. **Frost Protek** bags and flat sheets are effective and reusable. Our **Frost Protection Guide** offers tips for protecting your tender garden treasures. It is available on our website, www.Yamagamis.com, or here in the store.

• Use **Easy Gardener Plant and Seed Blanket** over seeded areas or flats to speed seed germination by keeping soil and seeds warmer. It will also protect the sprouts from hungry pests like **cabbage loopers and bud worms**. It keeps the moths from laying eggs that hatch into hungry caterpillars on leaves. It also protects young plants from hungry, salad-loving birds and squirrels.

• Check the **staking** on young trees, especially patio and rose trees, to make sure they will stand up to winter storms. Staking is especially important on rose trees and “Patio trees” (shrubs trained into single trunked trees). They tend to be top-heavy and snap in half in high winds. See our **FREE Tree Planting Guide** for staking instructions.

• **Dig those weeds!** By removing weeds before they set seed you reduce next year's crop. After weed removal, use **Preen** to prevent any weed seeds from sprouting.

Garden Maintenance:

• With winter rains come dangerously slippery surfaces. Clean **algae and moss** from brick and concrete to prevent sliding slips. Use a pressure washer to blast off established growth or apply **Bayer 2-n-1 Moss & Algae Killer** in a convenient hose-end applicator.



• **Reset your automatic irrigation** systems to a winter schedule. Because our weather is so variable, it's better to set it on manual and turn it on only as needed. Check on plants that are under an overhang where the rain can't reach them.

• Keep **leaves raked** off your lawn and **clean up** any debris from fruit trees, especially peaches and nectarines to help prevent re-infection by peach leaf curl disease.

• Keep your houseplants happy by creating **humidity trays** to combat dry air indoors. Place houseplants on stones in a large saucer with 1/2" of water. The water will then evaporate up into the foliage. This technique is essential for tender outdoor plants you are overwintering indoors.



Coming Events:

• **Tuesday, November 1st** is the last day to special order bareroot fruit trees (SOFT) for the best selection and prices. See the catalog and order form on our website, www.yamagamis.com or pick one up at the nursery.



• **Harvest Sale Friday, November 11th through Sunday, November 13th.** 30% OFF Outdoor Plants in 1 gal size and larger. Discounts in nearly every department! Details to come.



• **Sunday, November 13th** is the deadline for early-ordering your Cut Christmas Tree with a **10% discount**.

• **Friday, November 18th**, Yamagami's Cut Christmas Tree lot opens. Come find your perfect tree!



• **Thursday, November 24th Yamagami's is closed to celebrate Thanksgiving.** We wish you all a happy holiday! We resume normal store hours on Friday, November 25.