

# Winter Gardening in the Midwest

## Calendar for Winter Garden Tasks

### December

- Clean up any old plant debris
- Mulch garden
- Use your Christmas tree as mulch or compost
- Rest before gardening gets underway!



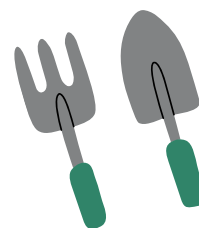
### January

- Research plants
- Plan the layout of your garden, whether flower or vegetable garden
- Order seeds and plants, or make a list of what to buy at the garden center
- Winter sow seeds if you'd like
- Start some of the slower-growing seedlings toward the end of the month, like peppers



### February

- Order seeds and plants online if you haven't already
- Start some seeds indoors (wait on others!)
- Continue to winter sow (if you'd like)
- Prune some trees
- Prep your garden tools
- Plan or start to build garden structures



### March

- Finish cleaning up gardens and planting areas
- Pull mulch off gardens
- Stir winter compost
- Start the remaining seeds for the garden
- Plant cold-tolerant flowers (like violas and pansies)
- Plant some cooler weather seedlings
- Plant bare-root plants and trees
- Prune roses
- Cut back perennial plants that didn't get cut back in the fall
- Spray fruit trees (when temperatures are right)

