



in the  
*Garden*

JANUARY  
EDITION

- Walk through your lawn and gardens and observe the "bones" of the landscape.
- Plant trees, shrubs and perennials throughout cooler weather.
- Choose colorful and evergreen plants like coral bells, camellias, arborvitae, yucca, autumn ferns and hellebores.
- Mulch or lay pine straw on your beds. Mulching now protects plants from our colder months AND allows easy access to all parts of your garden.
- Establish rose beds now for planting later by working the soil thoroughly, spreading 2-4 inches of Leafgro and adding limestone or sulfur to create the optimal soil pH between 5.5 and 7.0.
- Don't prune plants that flower in the spring.
- Prune broken limbs now by cutting within 1/4 inch above a live bud or just outside the branch collar.
- Cut back ornamental grasses like liriopse and any leftover perennial foliage by late January before the new growth starts to emerge.
- Cut sedum to the ground
- Shape and/or prune evergreens.
- Later this month, if the ground is workable, direct sow sweet alyssum, larkspur, bachelor buttons, and California Iceland and Shirley poppies. Sprinkle seeds on a roughly raked surface and water thoroughly.
- Hand pull weeds in your lawn such as chickweed, henbit and wild garlic.
- Rake your lawn clean from tree debris.
- Did you winterize your lawn? It's not too late! Stop by and pick up the correct products for your lawn this winter.