



in the
Garden

DECEMBER EDITION

- Explore your yard for holiday decorations. Cuttings of various evergreens, Nandina and Magnolia leaves, make great additions to your outside containers or inside arrangements.
- Allow your indoor potted bulbs, such as hyacinths, daffodils or tulips, planted in September for winter forcing, to remain moist and in the dark until they establish their root systems.
- Take cuttings of Rhododendrons, Azaleas and other evergreen shrubs this month. Take your cutting from new tip growth and kept in bright light, at about 70 degrees F.
- Water plants and shrubs growing beneath large evergreens or under the eaves of the house.
- Sponge-clean glossy-leaved house plants such as Philodendrons, Rubber plants and Palms periodically.
- Clean dust away by gently spraying plants which have fuzzy, textured, or other non-glossy type leaves with room temperature water. Be sure that the foliage is allowed to dry completely.
- Provide your house plants with extra humidity by grouping plants together or by setting the pots on leak-proof trays filled with moistened pebbles.
- Bring last year's Poinsettias and Christmas Cactus back into the living room and into the light after keeping them in 14 hours of darkness since September.
- Stretch your hoses out with both ends open, drain completely and put them away so they don't freeze and burst.
- Cover and protect outdoor faucets to prevent freezing. Drain and shut down your irrigation system.
- Fertilize your fescue lawn with a product high in Nitrogen.