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CLOSING UP THE GARDEN:

Compost spent annuals and cut back perennials that don't provide winter interest or food for wildlife.



PREPARE FOR CELEBRATIONS!

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Mulch perennials, shrubs, and young trees to protect roots from freeze-thaw cycles. (6" of weed-free hay, straw, or leaves)

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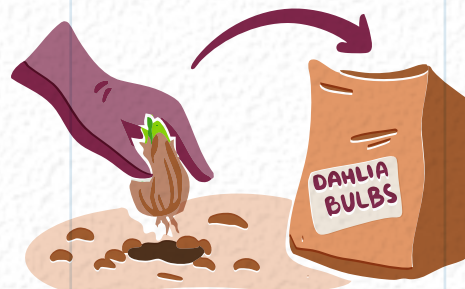
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Clean and store garden tools, hoses, and pots before they crack or rust.



Lift and store tender bulbs, such as dahlias & cannas, before hard frost.



Use ornamental cabbages, kale, mums, gourds, and straw bales for cool-weather porch décor.

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INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

SHIFT TO INDOORS:



Transition foliage and all tropical plants (jasmine, mandevilla, hibiscus) indoors before frost.

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SUPPORT WILDLIFE:

Leave seed heads on sunflowers, coneflowers, and ornamental grasses for the birds.



Set up or refill suet and bird feeders to support migrating and overwintering birds.



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Spruce tops arrive!



Adjust watering and light for houseplants as daylight shortens.



Add a heated bird bath before freezing temps settle in.

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31 HALLOWEEN

Start forcing amaryllis and paperwhites for holiday blooms.



Gather greens and supplies (tonka terra, wilt-stop) for spruce top pots and begin assembling.



Carve pumpkins for Halloween fun!



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