

Crystal Lake Garden Shop – Winter Garden Checklist

Get your garden ready for a healthy, worry-free winter! Use this checklist to guide your end-of-season cleanup and protection routine.

1. Cut Back and Clean Up

- Trim perennials to 3–6 inches above the soil
- Pull out and compost spent annuals
- Rake and remove fallen leaves from beds and lawns
- Discard diseased or pest-infested plants (do not compost)
- Clear garden debris from around shrubs and borders

2. Feed and Protect the Soil

- Spread a 2–3 inch layer of compost (Coast of Maine or Espoma) over beds
- Apply mulch to insulate roots and prevent erosion
- Add burlap wraps or straw around tender shrubs and new plantings
- Re-edge garden beds for a neat winter appearance

3. Protect Containers and Pots

- Move fragile pots closer to your home or under shelter
- Raise containers on pot feet or bricks to avoid cracking
- Empty water from saucers to prevent ice damage
- Remove any spent soil and store pots upside down if not in use

4. Drain and Store Garden Gear

- Drain and roll up all garden hoses
- Empty and store watering cans and fountains
- Clean and dry tools, then oil metal parts to prevent rust
- Organize garden supplies for easy access in spring

5. Plan Ahead for Spring

- Make notes on which plants performed best this season
- Sketch next year's garden layout or expansion ideas
- Check and replenish soil amendments and fertilizers

Browse new seed catalogs for spring inspiration

Recommended Products from Crystal Lake Garden Shop

- Coast of Maine Compost – enriches soil naturally
- Espoma Organic Mulch – insulates and improves soil texture
- Natural Burlap Rolls – shields plants from wind and frost
- Heavy-Duty Garden Pots and Containers – built to last all winter

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Call (508) 746-4439 for winter garden supplies and expert advice.

Stop in today to pick up compost, mulch, and burlap—or ask our team for help planning your garden’s smooth transition into winter.