

**All Gardens  
Great & Small**  
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**Bring More Color  
to Winter**

You can pot paperwhites at Thanksgiving, and still have blooms in time for Christmas. Start forcing bulbs now to extend color into the holidays. All you will need are bulbs, clay or plastic pans or pots, potting soil and small stones for drainage. You will also need a cool spot where the bulbs must rest for a period, while they develop their root system.

For tulips, use a 5-inch pot to hold three bulbs; for hyacinths, a 5-inch pot to hold three to four bulbs; for daffodils, a 7- to 8-inch pot to hold three to four bulbs; and for crocus, a 4-inch pot to hold six to seven bulbs.

Put a small amount of drainage matter in the drainage holes of the pot. Add enough potting medium to allow the bulbs to rest. For tulips, bulb tops just above the soil line, put the flat side of the bulbs toward the pot side. Top daffodil bulbs even with pot rim. Hyacinth bulbs can be topped just above potting medium. For crocus, bulbs can be about one-inch below the medium. Add potting soil around (and over) the bulbs and lightly press until it is 1/2 inch below the

pot rim. Water slowly until water begins to seep out the drainage hole.

Next, put the bulbs in cold storage. Most bulbs require two months of storage. Paperwhite narcissus, though, should be forced immediately after potting. When you bring the bulbs out of storage, put them in a sunny but cold window. The cooler the better. Excessive heat will make the blooms come on too fast. A cool locale will keep your bulbs at their best longer.

**More Fall Chores**

Don't put that trowel and rake away yet. There's still plenty to do to prepare for next year. If any perennials have been seriously and routinely plagued with disease, this is the time to rogue them.

Rake leaves and put them in the compost. Rake often enough and completely enough that leaves can't mat down and damage the covered grass. Give the garden a final weeding. If the weed has seed in it, keep in mind that the compost, over the winter, may not get hot enough to kill all the seeds.

Remove all spent or frost-killed vegetables and annuals. Cut back

tops of non-woody perennials and put in the compost.

Container plants should be pulled out of the container when they have been frost killed. The soil can be kept for next year, however. Simply cover it with plastic to keep out debris and to keep it from getting water-logged over winter.

Dig up tender bulbs such as gladioli before the soil freezes. Dry them, and store over winter in a cool but frost-free area.

Young evergreens can be protected from snow and ice damage by tying together upper branches that might spread and break during periods of heavy snow building. If evergreens are exposed to severe wind or road salt spray, a staked burlap windbreak will provide further protection. Remember to continue watering evergreens through the fall if rainfall is below normal, to avoid winter stress and injury to them. A wood chip or compost mulch will provide further protection.

Secure the tender bark of newly planted trees and shrubs from foraging deer. Keep the area around the trees free of grass and weeds.

Boxwood, broad-leaved evergreens and other surface-rooted shrubs suffer less winter injury when a heavy mulch is placed around them after several good frosts just before the ground freezes. If planted in an exposed location, protect them against wind and sun damage by using burlap windbreaks.

Hill-up roses with 10-12 inches of soil over the base of the plant. This acts as a winter protection for the crown. Mulch should be applied after a freeze has occurred.

A light covering of salt hay or

leaves scattered inside the cold frame over biennials and perennials gives an added protection from low temperatures. Remember to continue opening the frame on sunny days.

Propagate evergreen cuttings (yew, juniper, boxwood, holly and broad-leaved evergreens) through early December. Insert in a propagating bench or flat in the cool end of the greenhouse.

Hardwood cuttings of many kinds of deciduous trees and shrubs can be made the latter part of this month. Tie in bundles and

bury in sand in a cold frame or outdoors. Remove from sand in early spring and plant in bed outdoors.

Mouse damage to trees can be a problem during winter and early spring. Install 18" high "hardware cloth" guards around the trunk now.

Mulch perennials with evergreen boughs or straw to keep the soil temperature as constant as possible.

Clean and put away garden equipment for the winter.

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• On Tuesday, December 5, carolers will perform a free concert at 6:30 in the dim light of the Fort Hunter Centennial Barn. During intermission the exhibit, "The Gay 90's" featuring clothing from the 1890s will be open and refreshments will be available for sampling. The toy train exhibit will be open after the concert.

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