

Top Ten List for Gardeners to do in January

1. Make sure that you provide fresh water for birds. A bird bath de-icer will keep the water from freezing. Provide a variety of bird food high in fat such as black oil sunflower seeds, niger seed, suet, hulled peanuts and peanut butter.
2. Check your trees and shrubs for rabbit and vole damage. Damaged bark at the base of the plant and chewed roots can easily kill plants over the winter. Repellents, baits, and fencing may be needed to control winter critter damage.
3. Reserve **Mason Bees** now. They are early pollinators, which start pollinating long before honeybees come out of hibernation. A limited supply will be arriving mid March.
4. Add **Pond Salt** to the pond for healthy fish.
5. There is still time to spray **Dormant Oil** and **Copper Fungicide** on fruit trees and roses to suffocate overwintering insects and control disease.

6. Continue to apply **Kaput Rat & Mouse Bait** to control voles if you have noticed runways in your turf or live near an open field.
7. Start cool season crops indoors. When March arrives, they will be ready to transplant outdoors. Come in to Greenhouse Garden Center and we will be happy to give you a **Plants For the Seasons** handout.
8. Water all trees and shrubs one time this month if Northern Nevada does not get measurable precipitation. Pick a day that is warmer and plan to water in the middle of the day.
9. The best selection of 2020 vegetable and flower seeds are in now. Select from our **Botanical Interest** and **Burpee** seed lines. There are many organic and heirloom varieties to choose from.
10. Start your 2020 Garden Diary to note daily high and low temperatures and weather conditions. As the season progresses, note when trees, shrubs, and perennials blossom, when bulbs come up and blossom, and when, where, and what you plant and when you harvest.