

Top Ten List- December

1. Apply **Kaput** for vole control and check all the bags daily. Keep replacing the bait before it is empty, the anti-coagulant agent is cumulative in the rodent's system and will lose its strength if application is not repeated. If bait is not taken within two to three days, replace it with fresh, or choose a more favorable site to place the bait. Birdseed attracts voles and can even cause voles to migrate into gardens, so **restrict habitat** around your birdfeeder. Voles do not hibernate.
2. **Water** one time in December and January if we do not have any measurable precipitation in the form of **1" of rain or 12" of snow**.
3. Apply **Wilt Stop** once a month on broadleaf evergreens to keep the leaves shiny and plump.
4. Attract birds to your yard by offering a continuous supply of clean water and food. Use a bird bath deicer to keep the water from freezing. Feed finches with **Niger Thistle Socks** and attract a wider variety of birds with **suet and seed** options.
5. Fertilize houseplants with **Osmocote** fertilizer. To control soil gnats, apply **Bonide Systemic Houseplant Insect Control** to your houseplants and lengthen the time between watering.
6. **Moving** your Christmas cactus around may make the buds and blooms fall off. If the temperature drops below 55 degrees in your home at night, you will experience bud drop also.
7. Keep your **poinsettias** out of cold drafts. Do not over water and do not give them bright light.
8. **Dig a hole** for your living Christmas tree before Christmas and put the soil in the garage for ease of planting in January. Plant your tree on a warm, sunny day. Remember to **recycle** your cut Christmas tree.
9. Now is the time to **pot up the spring bulbs** you have been storing in your refrigerator for forcing. Enjoy the delightful blooms and scents in February and March.

10. Apply Dr. Iron to help acidify your soil and add a richer green to your plant leaves. This sulfur counteracts the alkaline that is present in lower Johnson Lane, East Carson City, Dayton, and further East, Spanish Springs, Stead, Fernley, and Fallon areas.