

Top Ten List-January

1. Make sure that you **provide fresh water** for birds. A bird bath **deicer** 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. This gives your fish a thicker, healthier coating that protects against parasites and infection.
5. There is still time to spray **Dormant Oil** and **Copper Fungicide** on fruit trees and roses to suffocate over wintering 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. **Fertilize** your houseplants and keep them in an area that is bright and warm. Treat them with **Bonide's Systemic Houseplant Insect Control** to keep insects at bay.
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 **2024 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 **2024 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.