



Winter Checklist

November/December/January/February



Sources of information include: Maple Leaf Ace Hardware crew, WSU King County Extension Master Gardener, Ed Hume Seeds, Hometime, Money Magazine, City of Seattle, King County, Plant Amnesty, "Gardening Month by Month in Washington & Oregon," The National Gardener's Association, Mountain Valley Growers, Cedar Grove, Whitney Farms, Scotts, The National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service, Seattle Tilth, and other links on our website.

Inventory checklist:

- Interior paint & prep supplies*
- Batteries for Daylight Savings change
- Furnace filters
- Space heaters
- Pipe wrap insulation
- Exterior window/door caulking
- Weather stripping
- Faucet covers
- Ice melt
- Snow shovels
- Ice scrapers
- Hand & foot warmer packs
- Sleds & Saucers
- Lube locks with graphite (doors, padlocks, auto, etc)
- Rakes for lawn and garden
- Moss control: roofs, walks, yards
- Lawn bags
- Winter fertilizer for lawn
- Compost/mulch and/or cover crop seed for garden beds
- Pruners

Garden item	Arrival in store
Ed Hume Flower & Vegetable seed rack**	early January
Spring Bulbs - plant in spring (anemone, begonias, dahlias, gladiolus, iris, lily, ranunculus)	Late February
Onion sets	Mid February

Possible Home/Lawn/Garden issues & maintenance:

- Interior paint & prep work*
- Daylight savings in November: change smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries
- Furnace filter change every three months
- Water filters (sink, refrigerator, shower): change as necessary and directed
- Seal attic and crawl space cracks and gaps
- Brick & mortar repair for chimneys, exterior walls, etc.
- Check for moisture in your basement
- Is your sump pump working?
- Disconnect outside hoses from faucets; protect bib with a faucet cover
- Compost mulch on garden beds
- Plant spring blooming flower bulbs (allium, amaryllis, crocus, daffodils, hyacinths, tulips) from September through November
- Plant cover crop in dormant veggie gardens in November
- Make hydrangeas pink with an application of Dolomitic Lime or Triple Super Phosphate in October/November – pink hydrangeas like alkaline soil (pH of 6 to 7)
- Make hydrangeas blue with an application of Aluminum Sulfate in October/November (and March/April) – blue hydrangeas like acid soil (pH of 4.0 to 5.5)
- Lawn care: Apply fall/winter lawn fertilizer, in October/November and — as necessary — aerate, dethatch, and overseed in October/November (or early spring)
- Pruning throughout yard: bush type roses that had black spot this year in October/November; roses, clematis, vine berries, lilac suckers, fruit trees, shade trees, and perennials in January; and stone fruits from late November to early January.

** Ed Hume Seeds we typically offer:

Artichokes	Asters	Basil	Beets	Bok Choy
Broccoli	Green beans (bush or pole)	Brussel Sprouts	Chinese cabbage	Chicory/Endive
Cabbage	Cannas	Cantaloupe	Carrots	Cauliflower
Celery	Chives	Cilantro	Collards	Corn
Cosmos	Cucumber	Dianthus	Dill	Eggplant
Fennel	Fuchsias	Geraniums	Impatiens	Kale
Leek	Lettuce	Marigolds	Mustard	Okra
Onions (from seed)	Peas (bush or pole)	Radishes	Radishes (Daikon)	Summer Squash
Oregano	Pansies	Parsley	Parsnips	Peppers
Petunias	Pumpkin	Radicchio	Sage	Snapdragons
Snow Peas	Spinach	Squash	Stock	Sunflowers
Sweet Peas	Swiss Chard	Thyme	Tomatilloes	Tomatoes
Turnips	Watermelon	Zinnias		

* Printable paint supply list & prep directions available on the Paint page of our website, mapleleaface.com.