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Water Your Winter Plants

The days are still short, and the air is cool and dry. We're still about a month away from the beginning of cool-season gardening. Winter is a time of rest, and it can be easy to forget about some of the maintenance that needs to be done.

One of those tasks is making sure to irrigate your plants. From our fact sheet [HLA-6408 Landscape Maintenance Schedule](#), "If precipitation has been deficient (1 inch of snow = ~ 0.10 inch of water), water lawns, herbaceous perennials, trees, and shrubs, especially broadleaf and narrowleaf evergreens". From [Mesonet](#) data, we can see that Cleveland County has gone 24 days without 0.10 inches of rainfall.

It is imperative that we irrigate our winter plants now to ensure healthy development later in the season.

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January Plant of the Month

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photo from North Carolina State University Extension

Beautybush

A bush that lives up to its name

Beautybush, *Linnaea amabilis*, is a member of the Honeysuckle family. It sports a vase-like figure, a cascade of small pink and yellow flowers in the spring, reddish foliage in the fall, and an appealing peeling bark on stems in the winter. At maturity, it can be six to ten feet in both height and breadth. Beautybush prefers moist, well-drained soil, acidic or alkaline. If grown in full sun, it has a dense compact shape and blooms more profusely. If grown in sun-filtered part shade, it will produce a taller arching shape, and the foliage reportedly produces the best color. A drought-tolerant bush, it is an ideal choice for many Oklahoma gardens, either on its own or as part of a hedge.

Garden Tips for January

- Keep all plants watered during dry conditions, even if dormant
- Thoroughly water plantings at least 24 hours before a hard freeze, if the soil is dry
- Remove leaves from cool-season grasses or mow with a mulching mower; this mitigates disease pressure in the upcoming season
- Continue mowing cool-season (fescue, Kentucky bluegrass, and perennial ryegrass) lawns
- Control broadleaf weeds in well-established lawns with post-emergent herbicide
- Mulch perennials, rose bushes, strawberries, and bulbs, but wait until after several early freezes; otherwise

Eat Seasonally

In-season produce is fresher, cheaper, more nutritious, and better for the environment. These are some of the seasonal crops for January:

pests will have a place to overwinter

- Gather up fallen leaves, these are a great spot for insects and diseases to overwinter
- Till bare garden plots to expose overwinter pests to cold environment
- Amend garden areas with compost
- Start planning for next year! Now is a great time to map out your vegetable gardens so you know exactly what seeds to order and where to start in the spring
- Visit your county extension office to obtain gardening fact sheets
- Clean supplies and check equipment for repairs
- Order gardening supplies for the upcoming season
- Make structural improvements to the garden and landscape
- Keep bird feeders full and break the ice in the bird baths

Brussels Sprouts 



Cabbage

Citrus



Collard Greens

Kale



Kohlrabi

Pomegranates



Sprouts

Sweet Potatoes



Upcoming Events

Residential Landscape Design

Date & Time: February 1st, 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Location: Pioneer Library System - Noble Branch, 204 N 5th St, Noble, OK 73068

On the first Tuesday evening of every month, Studio 204 is reserved for adults to make and create using library resources. This session we will create our own landscape design! With the help of horticulturalist Courtney DeKalb-Myers from the Cleveland County OSU Extension Office, this session each attendee will learn the elements of landscape design... [read more](#)



Spring Garden Planning

Date & Time: February 3rd, 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Location: Pioneer Library System - Moore Branch, 225 S Howard Ave, Moore, OK 73160

Get ready for spring! It's never too early to plan your vegetable or flower garden. This workshop will cover seed options, planting schedules, and garden design. Participants will leave the workshop with a custom plan ready to implement when spring arrives... [read more](#)



Composting 101

Date & Time: February 5th, 10:00am to 11:30am

Location: The Station at Central Park, 700 S Broadway Ave, Moore, OK 73160

In this weekend workshop, participants will learn the science behind composting while learning just how important it is for the growth of plants. Participants will also get to make their own worm composting bin to take home... [read more](#)



Doug Tallamy presents "Nature's Best Hope"

Date & Time: February 5th, 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Location: University of Central Oklahoma

A hero to native plant enthusiasts, Tallamy is professor and chair of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware. His book "Bringing Nature Home" won the Silver Medal from the Garden Writer's Association and is credited with changing how many gardeners view their landscape and plant choices... [read more](#)



Residential Landscape Design

Date & Time: February 9th, 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Location: The Well, 210 James Garner Ave, Norman, OK 73069

In this workshop, each attendee will learn the elements of landscape design and have the chance to create a design for their own landscape. Come join us to get excited about spring! [read more](#)



Home Gardening 101

Date & Time: February 12th, 19th, 26th, 9:00am to 3:00pm

Location: Oklahoma County Extension Office, 2500 NE 63rd, OKC, OK 73111

Whether you are a novice or an experienced gardener, Home Gardening 101 will help you start the growing season right. This class is taught in part by OSU Professors, Oklahoma County Extension Educators, and our own Oklahoma County Master Gardeners, among others, so you'll be getting accurate, research-based information... [read more](#)



Master Gardener Saturday Class | "How To Get Started"

Date & Time: February 19th, 10am to 11:30am

Location: Zoom

If you're excited about trying to garden for the first time or just bought your first home and not sure what to do with the existing beds, this class will give you a start! The what, where, and how for the beginner gardener... [read more](#)



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