

January Garden Checklist Angelina County, Texas

- The life of the flowering pot plant received as a Christmas gift can be prolonged with proper care. Keep the plant out of range of heating ducts and away from heating units. Keep in a cool room at night, preferably at 60 to 65 degrees F.
- Now is an excellent time to transplant mature or established trees and shrubs.
- Plan your flower and vegetable garden now before the rush of spring planting
- Sow seeds in flats or a container in protected structures to establish growth before hot weather arrives. Petunias, begonias, and slow-growing transplants should be sown in early January. Warm-temperature plants, such as tomatoes, peppers, marigolds, and periwinkles should be sown later in January or February.
- Prepare beds and garden area for spring planting.
- Put a light application of fertilizer on established pansy plants. Use one-half pound of ammonium sulfate per 100 square feet of bed area. Repeat the application every 4 to 6 weeks. Dried blood meal or cottonseed meal are also excellent sources of fertilizer for pansies. Be sure to water well after applying fertilizers
- Check junipers and other narrow-leaf evergreens for bagworms in pouches; if left on the plants, the worms can start their cycle again by emerging from the pouches in the spring and feeding on the foliage. Removing the pouches by hand and burning them is an excellent means of reducing the potential damage next spring.