



# GARDEN JOBS – December

- ◆ Considering a living Christmas tree? Keep it outside until Christmas week.
- ◆ Apply fertilizer containing chelated iron to all of your azaleas, gardenias, and camellias.
- ◆ Cut chrysanthemums to 6-8 inches above the ground after bloom.
- ◆ Prune non-flowering trees and shrubs while they are dormant.
- ◆ Clean, sharpen, and store garden tools.
- ◆ Mulch, water, and cover to protect tender plants from frost. Be sure to remove coverings during the day.
- ◆ Plant calendulas, Iceland poppies, pansies, primroses, and stock for winter color.
- ◆ Water plants that rain cannot reach.
- ◆ Keep poinsettias in a sunny, warm location. They do not tolerate freezing.
- ◆ Rake and remove dead leaves and stems from dormant perennials. Compost healthy debris and throw away any with disease.
- ◆ Browse the Garden Shoppe for great gift ideas!