December in the Garden:

*Plant new Roses! The bareroot season is the best time to get New Roses for your garden. The best selection and pricing can be found at this time of the year. They also make wonderful gifts for the Holidays.

*Prune dormant Roses, Fruit Trees, Shade Trees, Berries and Grapes. Once the plants have no leaves or new growth, it’s okay to go ahead and start pruning. (Do NOT prune Maples, Apricots or Cherry trees while dormant!) Be sure to make clean cuts with sharp pruners and seal all cuts with Pruning Sealer. Clean cuts seal well and keep pathogens from entering through the wound. It’s important to clean your pruning tools between plants, especially if a fungus/disease was present during the growing season. *(Handouts with specific pruning information are available at the Nursery Office)*
*Once leaves have fallen from Fruit Trees, Berries, Grapes and deciduous shrubs, spray with Liqui-Cop and Horticultural oil to kill fungal diseases and overwintering pests. The Liqui-Cop provides 4-6 weeks of protection from Powdery Mildew, Peach leaf Curl, Rust, Shot Hole fungus, Black Spot and many more plant diseases. Horticultural Oil smothers egg cases left behind by aphids, whiteflies, spider mites and more. It’s also helpful in increasing adhesion of the Liqui-Cop. These two products can be mixed together and sprayed simultaneously. These two products should be sprayed 3-4 times through the dormant season. The first spray is timed just after leaf fall then every 4-6 weeks after that until the trees or shrubs are budded but not yet popped open.

*All products are available for purchase at Gold Leaf Nursery! Come in today and set your Garden up for Success!*

Most of All, Enjoy the Holidays with your Family!

You’ve worked hard all year long!