January in the Garden:

*Plant Bareroot Fruit Trees, Berries, Grapes and perennial Vegetables like Artichokes, Asparagus and Rhubarb. This is THE best time to plant trees, shrubs and vines for mouthwatering, tree ripened fruit. The best tasting fruits come from your own backyard Orchard. Even with a small yard, you can grow a bounty of delicious fruit.

*Finish pruning dormant Roses, Fruit Trees, Shade Trees, Berries and Grapes. (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.

*If the weather is cold and dry, remember to check your plants for water once a week. If they are dry, water them well. This will minimize winter damage and allow the roots to replenish the moisture that is lost in freeze-thaw cycles more easily. If plants are cold and dehydrated, the freezing temperatures can be devastating.*

*All products are available for purchase at Gold Leaf Nursery!*