



JANUARY

→ **NOTES**

TO-DO LIST

- Browse seed catalogues and place an order, or pick up seed at your local garden centre.
- Start planning your vegetable garden and decide which vegetables and herbs to grow.
- Start seed indoors for summer flowers.
- Weather permitting, dig over existing flower beds or prepare new ones.
- Keep bulbs in containers lightly watered to maintain proper development.
- Check that dahlia tubers are not drying out, and keep an eye on overwintered fuchsias and pelargoniums for whitefly and signs of rot.
- Knock heavy snowfall from bushes, hedges and evergreens to prevent branch damage.
- Prune fruit trees and late-flowering deciduous shrubs. Snip back lateral and side branches of wisteria to within two or three buds.
- Spray fruit trees and roses with dormant oil and lime sulphur. Do this when the plants have no leaves to kill overwintering insects and diseases.
- Bring birds to the garden by putting out a feeder or hanging a seed bell where birds can see it.
- Visit your garden centre to find hellebores, as well as deals on last year's containers.
- Enjoy the heavenly fragrance of witch hazel.