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December 2022 Horticulture Newsletter

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Holiday

DECORATIONS

THE CHEAP AND EASY WAY

DECEMBER 8 • 6pm
PULASKI CO
EXTENSION OFFICE

LEARN ABOUT
NATIVES - BOTH
WEEDS & GARDEN
PLANTS - THAT CAN
MAKE UNIQUE,
ATTRACTIVE DISPLAYS

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FREE!

It's Grab n Go time!

Learn about seeds & seed germination while making a cute Grinch!

Stop by the Pulaski County Extension Office today to get a kit!

First come, first serve while supplies last

Be sure to post a picture & tag us!

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In this month's newsletter (scroll down to see all the info)

- Prime Time for Pruning Woody Plants
- How To Prune Trees
- Poinsettia Tips for December
- Caring for Your Live Cut Christmas Tree
- Windowsill Gardening with Leftovers
- Project FeederWatch begins!
- Thanksgiving or Christmas Cactus?
- Ice & Trees
- New Publication: [Growing, Harvesting, Preserving Appalachian Heirloom Beans](#)
- Master Gardener News
- Horticulture Webinar Wednesday YouTube Channel
- Cheese and Corn Chowder recipe
- Pine Straw Available for Purchase, NEW PRICES
- Pulaski County Horticulture YouTube Channel

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 1 to ? -- Grinch Grab n Go, pick up at the Pulaski Co Extension office, while supplies last! First come, first-served.

December 8 -- Holiday Decorating the Cheap and Easy Way, 6pm, Pulaski Co Extension Service office, [register for this FREE program](#)

December 8 -- Let's Talk Gardens Webinar Series, The Science of Christmas Tree Cultivation, 12pm, [register here](#).

December 14 -- [From the Woods Today webinar](#), Topics: Holiday Wood Products, Wreath Making, Roasting Chestnuts, 11am

December 25-January 2 -- Pulaski Co Extension office will be closed. We will reopen Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

January 3-4 -- Kentucky Fruit and Vegetable Conference, Bowling Green KY. [Registration](#)

January 24 -- Native Seed Starting Workshop, 6pm, Pulaski Co Extension office. [Register here](#)

January 25 -- Seed Treatment Open House, 9am to 3pm, Pulaski Co Extension office. [Sign up for a time slot here](#).

February 22-23 -- 2023 KY Turf & Landscape Short Course, Hardin Co Extension office. [Registration info](#).

Keep scrolling to see more timely info!



Winter and very early spring are great times to prune woody plants. [Watch Dr Lindsey Purcell of Purdue](#) show us how to properly prune trees.



Keep poinsettias away from blasts of heat or cold air!

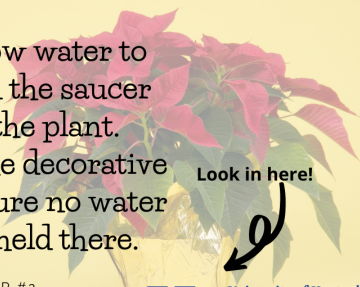
TIP #1



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Don't allow water to remain in the saucer under the plant. Remove the decorative foil to be sure no water is being held there.

Look in here!



TIP #2

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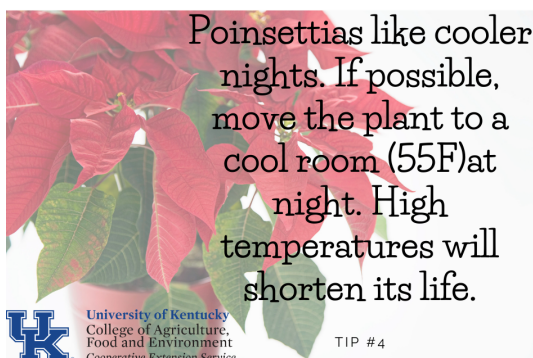
Poinsettias need 6 hours of indirect light. Don't let the plant touch cold windows.



TIP #3

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Poinsettias like cooler nights. If possible, move the plant to a cool room (55F) at night. High temperatures will shorten its life.



TIP #4

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No need to fertilize your poinsettia while in bloom. If you keep it after the holidays, fertilize it once a month with houseplant fertilizer.



TIP #5

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HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR FRESH CUT CHRISTMAS TREE

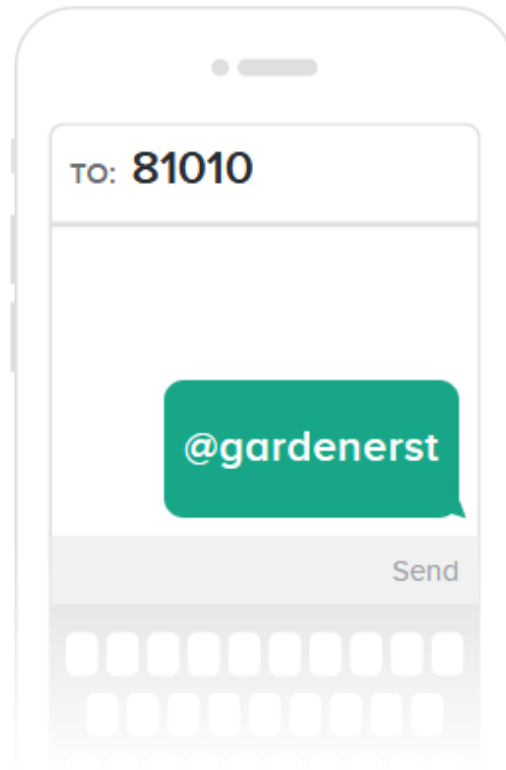


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To get text reminders about upcoming home horticulture programs,
join our Remind list

They'll receive a welcome text from Remind.

If anyone has trouble with 81010, they can try texting @gardenerst to (606) 536-9692.



Gardening in the winter

Use leftovers: & Use leftover seed:

onions
celery

herbs

lettuce

carrots

sprouts

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Got leftovers? You can easily regrow...

- onions
- carrots
- celery
- lettuce
- potatoes & sweetpotatoes
- pineapple

Use leftover seeds to grow...

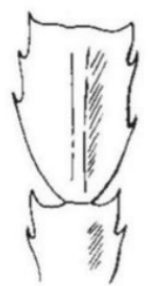
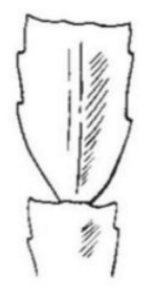




- herbs
- lettuce
- sprouts
- radish
- pineapple
- and more!

[Kitchen Scrap Gardening](#)




November 1st marked the beginning of Project Feeder Watch, an initiative from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Be part of citizen science and record your bird sightings. Data is collected through April 29.

Christmas or Thanksgiving Cactus??

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|  <p><i>Schlumbergera truncata</i> Thanksgiving Cactus</p> |  <p><i>Schlumbergera bridgesii</i> Christmas Cactus</p> |  <p><i>Hatiora gaertneri</i> Easter Cactus</p> |
| <small>worldofsucculents.com</small> | | |
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<https://worldofsucculents.com/thanksgiving-christmas-easter-cactus/>



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Most of the 'Christmas' cactus sold in the US are, in fact, Thanksgiving cactus. Thus the term 'holiday' cactus that covers them both.

Click [here to learn how to care for them.](#)

ICE & TREES



What to do
and more importantly...
what NOT to do

The 2023 Farmers' Almanac and many meteorologists are calling for a pretty brutal winter in KY.

Ice storms can cause major issues with trees. Do NOT do more harm than good by beating the ice off or pouring hot water over the affected branches. Read more [here \(NCSU\)](#) and [here \(Univ of NE\)](#).

[Click on the image above](#) (then scroll down) for a list of tree species and their susceptibility to ice storm damage



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SEED STARTING WORKSHOP



JANUARY 24 • 6 PM PULASKI CO EXTENSION OFFICE

You'll make mini-greenhouses
and
plant native seeds.

Easy to make, bring the kids!
All materials will be provided.

Choose from bee balm,
columbine, baptisia,
rattlesnake master,
spiderwort, and a variety of
coneflowers.



SCAN QR CODE
TO REGISTER



Disabilities
accommodated
with prior notification.

Seed Treatment Open House

- Diseases can hitch a ride on your saved seed
- One of the best ways to rid seeds of diseases is to heat treat them
- Bring in your seed and we'll give it a hot water bath heat treatment

**January 25
9am to 3pm
Pulaski Co
Extension Office**

Small batches only
Most vegetables can be treated except:
beans, peas, potatoes

Please arrive at the top of the hour of your choice



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Soil test for your vegetable gardens, trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, turf, anything! It can be done at any time of the year. Each resident of Pulaski Co gets up to 25 tests for free!

[How to Take a Soil Sample](#)

[Soil Testing: What It Is and What It Does](#)



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**Wanna great vegetable garden
next year? Then...**

test your soil now

Contact the Pulaski Co Extension office to find out how
606-679-6361 or beth.wilson@uky.edu

Get ready for more From the Woods Today webinars each Wednesday morning at 11am from the UK Department of Forestry and Natural Resources!



www.FromTheWoodsToday.com



Webinars appropriate for December can be found here including:

[Pruning Basics](#)

[Enjoying Holiday Plants](#)

[All About Houseplants](#)

[So You Think You Want to Be a Beekeeper](#)

[Japanese Art of Kokedama](#)

[Cheap and Easy Worm Bins](#)

[Backyard Maple Syrup](#)

[Soil Basics](#)

[African Violets](#)

...and many more!

UK's Horticulture Webinar Wednesdays are archived on this [YouTube channel](#).



PINE STRAW AVAILABLE

NEW PRICES

\$8 per bale for 49 or less bales

\$7 per bale for 50 or more bales

Pine straw comes to Pulaski County courtesy of the [Lake Cumberland Master Gardener](#) Association.



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