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## 10 Hot tips to make the most of your garden this winter.

1. Use Lighting in the garden to add drama and impact; up light a dramatic tree, palm, water feature or statue in the garden, add lights to pathways and entrances, put fairy lights in the trees and use timers or movement cells to ensure they don't run needlessly.
2. If you have nothing to see in the winter, consider how you can add all year round interest and framework to your garden – evergreens, seedheads on grasses, dramatic bark on trees can provide fabulous focal points during the winter, particularly when the icing from a hoarfrost gives that ghostly image to the garden.
3. Get out there on a sunny dry day and clear away the clutter, remove the leaves, protect your non hardy plants and put your garden to “bed” for the winter, the exercise will stimulate those endorphins and give you a real “feel good factor” - lasting longer than a cup of hot chocolate.
4. Add an all weather seat to the garden – somewhere to take your coffee out to in the winter months and view your garden from within, rest upon when you are working in the garden and feel the warmth of the winter sun on your face. Many people suffer from SAD in the winter and getting out into the daylight is so very beneficial for physical and mental wellbeing.
5. Plan and Plant for spring – November is the ideal time to plant Tulips adding that welcome splash of colour in late spring. Consider inter planting with forget me knots for a super mix - beautiful when framed within box hedges.
6. Survey and draw your garden in preparation for making those changes in your garden for next year
7. Gather inspiration from garden magazines, cut them out and make yourself a mood board of ideas to use within your own garden.
8. Book yourself on the Design your Own Garden Workshop for a fun filled information packed day.



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9. Clear and clean out sheds and green houses ready to use them in the warmer days of spring.
10. Add a fire pit or brazier to the garden, light it and gather family and friends around for a welcome hot chocolate or mulled wine - add some chestnuts to the fire and put some marshmallow on sticks and have a great outdoor party!