

SEASONAL TO-DO LIST

Pastures and Hayfields

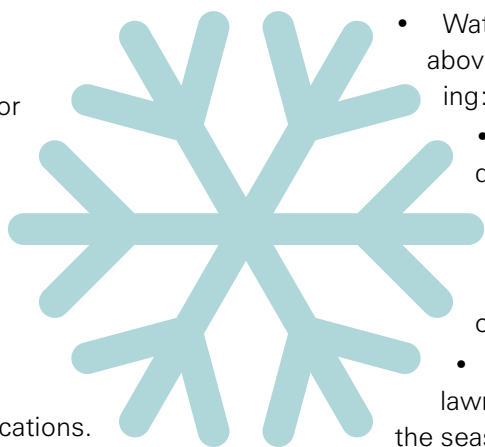
- Make repairs to irrigation systems
- Make a grazing management plan for the year ahead based on stocking rate calculations: bit.ly/stockingbasics

Garden and landscapes

- Dream of spring and peruse your favorite seed catalogs.
- Plan your vegetable garden for the year, remembering to rotate crop locations.
- Look at pictures of your landscapes last year – are there projects you'd like to do or plants you'd like to add to increase the flowering season, attract pollinators or birds? Make drawings and/or create plant lists. Celebrate National Bird Day January 5 by planning to plant a bird-friendly garden in the spring.
- Begin seed selection and planning your planting schedule for seedlings to be started indoors. Buy any seed, seed-starting soil-less mix and containers

needed. Check your fluorescent grow lights to make sure everything works.

- Check to see if you have any wildflower seed that needs cold stratification (outside in pots or in the fridge) to germinate well inside. If so, mark on the calendar when they need to go into the cold.
- Have some fun decorating a tree for birds using pinecones covered in peanut butter and rolled in seeds.
- Repot house plants.



- Water trees and shrubs when temps are above 45 degrees and the wind is not blowing: bit.ly/winterwatering

- Prune trees and shrubs on warm days: bit.ly/treeprune

- Check any grape cuttings or fruit tree scion wood graft material in the refrigerator to ensure it does not dry out.

- Sharpen shovels, hoes, pruners, and lawn mower blades so they are ready when the season arrives.

- Tumble the garden composter or turn the pile on a warm winter day.

- As February arrives, make sure you have your nest boxes out. Bluebirds are coming!

Other

- Review your disaster response plans and preparations (wildfire, flooding, etc.).
- Review your insurance coverage and update documentation of your possessions for insurance purposes – store these off-site.
- If you run a small enterprise, start rounding up those receipts and get ready for tax season.

