

Zone 8b Garden CHECKLIST

Date: January

- Plan a rotation strategy to prevent soil depletion and disease
- Create a planting calendar for starting and transplanting seeds using zone 8B calendars you can find online
- Add compost and soil amendments to garden beds
- Use sheet mulching with cardboard and mulch to suppress weeds and improve soil quality
- Start seeds for cool-weather crops such as onions, leeks, broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower.
- Check/organize seed-starting trays, grow lights, and other supplies
- Purchase or make fresh seed-starting mix for healthy seed germination
- Prune dormant fruit trees to remove dead wood and shape for air circulation
- Trim rose bushes to outward-facing buds, leaving three to five strong canes
- Divide and transplant hardy perennials if weather conditions are mild
- Check mulch levels around sensitive plants to maintain frost protection
- Clean and sharpen tools to extend their lifespan and improve efficiency
- Organize gardening supplies for easy access during planting season

