



OVERWINTERING POTTED PERENNIAL PLANTS CHECKLIST

BEFORE FROST:

- Identify plant type (tropical, hardy, dormant)
- Check your zone & choose plants hardy to 2 zones colder
- Remove dead or diseased leaves

OPTION 1: MOVE INDOORS

- Place in sunny window (growing plants)
- Place in cool/dark garage or basement (dormant plants)
- Water sparingly to avoid root rot
- Check soil moisture monthly

OPTION 2: INSULATE OUTDOORS

- Group pots together for warmth
- Place against a house wall, out of the wind
- Cover soil with 2-4 inches of mulch or straw
- Surround pots with straw bales
- Wrap pots with burlap or bubble wrap

OPTION 3: BURY POTS IN THE GROUND

- Dig a hole deep enough for the whole container
- Set pot in hole & backfill soil
- Mulch heavily
- Water well before the first freeze

PROTECT EMPTY POTS

- Remove old soil
- Clean and dry completely
- Store upside down in shed/garage

WINTER MAINTENANCE

- Check moisture occasionally
- Watch for signs of rot or mildew
- Add extra mulch after heavy frost