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December in the garden:

* **Shop:** Plants and seeds make awesome holiday, hostess and mystery gifts

*** Plant**

Bare-root roses

Bulbs

Camellias

Cyclamen

Hellebore

Living Christmas trees

Bare-root fruit and landscape trees

*** Maintenance**

Adjust your irrigation

Protect citrus and other sensitive plants

Apply dormant spray

Add mulch to beds

Divide perennials

Throw out fallen rose leaves

Catalogs are arriving to get you excited about what to plant next year. You might want to consider removing some lawn area and creating a new planting bed to make room for all the new plants in the catalogs.