

After harvesting, follow these steps to prepare the site for winter:

**#1. Diagnosis**

Check plants for disease. Place diseased plants and debris in plastic bags for garbage removal.

**#2. Stop 'n' Chop**

Mow non-diseased plants if possible. Otherwise, chop them by hand and compost.

**#3. Turn Soil Over**

Once plants are chopped down, rototill or turn the soil to incorporate the organic matter.

**#5. Soil Test**

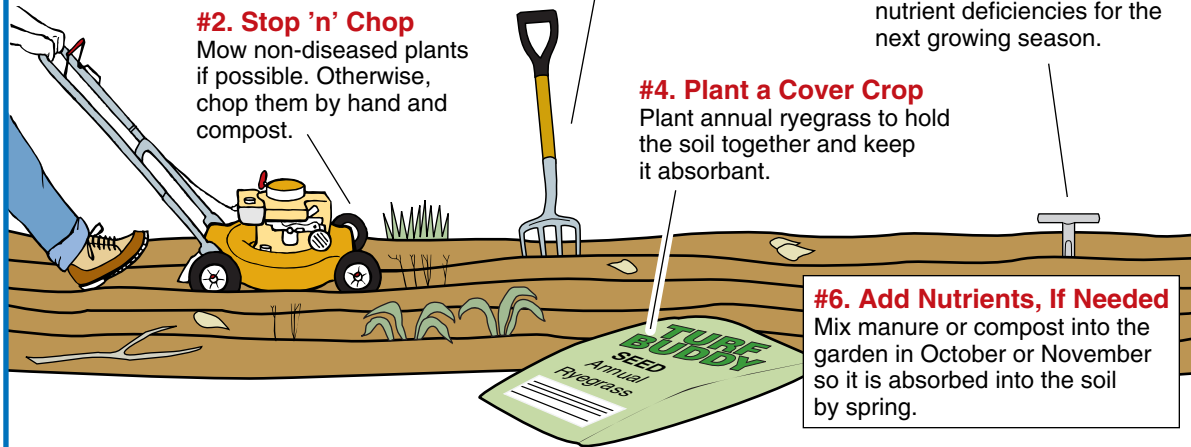
Check for and correct any nutrient deficiencies for the next growing season.

**#4. Plant a Cover Crop**

Plant annual ryegrass to hold the soil together and keep it absorbant.

**#6. Add Nutrients, If Needed**

Mix manure or compost into the garden in October or November so it is absorbed into the soil by spring.



Turn the cover crop under in early spring before the new garden is prepared.

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For Early- to Late-Fall Time Frame