

A festive holiday table setting with a plaid tablecloth, a lit candle, and a gift box.

An Easy Guide

HOW TO KEEP WINTER GREENS FRESH

Learn the secrets to
keeping fresh evergreens
alive for longer.

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WELCOME!

Hi, I'm Stacy! I'm a self-taught master gardener who lives and gardens in northern New Jersey, zone 6a. I've been gardening for over 20 years and love bringing the outdoors inside my home. I enjoy helping beginner gardeners find their inner green thumb, as well as discover a love for all things plants and flowers. Come grow stuff and create beautiful spaces with me!



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FRESH GREENS FOR CUTTING

Budget-Friendly Holiday Decorating 101

One of the easiest and most cost-effective ways to decorate for the holidays is by cutting fresh evergreens from the landscape. Head out to the garden with a sharp set of clean pruners and clip away! Cut branches on a 45-degree angle and snip more than you think you'll need.



Greens to Look For

Pines and Spruces

Boxwood

Holly

Japonica

Rhododendron

Magnolia

Cedar Branch

Juniper

HOW TO KEEP WINTER GREENS FRESH

1

WAIT TO CUT OR BUY UNTIL NEEDED

Purchase and make wreaths, garlands, and other arrangements as close to the time you will be using them as possible.

2

KEEP GREENS OUTSIDE UNTIL READY TO USE

Keep all greens in a shaded area out of direct sunlight. Wait until you are ready to make and decorate before bringing wreaths, garland, trees, and fresh cut branches indoors.

3

WATER WELL

If possible, soak whole branches, stems, garlands, and wreaths in a bucket of water overnight before using. After decorating, mist fresh winter greens as much as possible.

4

USE ANTI-DESICCANT SPRAY

Spray branches and wreaths with anti-desiccant spray to add a protective wax coating. It's organic and slows down water loss in the needles.

5

KEEP AWAY FROM HEAT AND SUNLIGHT

When decorating, keep fresh greens away from direct sunlight and heat as they will dry out faster. Keep away from candles and use LED lights because they produce less heat.

FRESH GREENS CHEAT SHEET

GREENS THAT LAST LONGEST

- Boxwood
- Juniper
- Cedar Branches
- Magnolia
- Fir



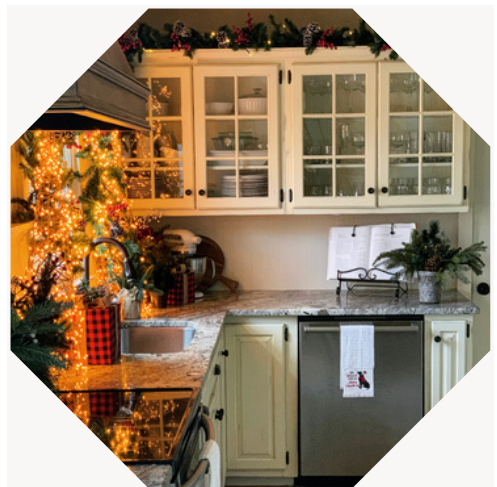
USE LED LIGHTING

- Less heat
- Conserve energy
- Lowers energy costs to run
- Lasts longer



KEEP HYDRATED

- Before making holiday decor or decorating with fresh greens, soak them well.
- Mist fresh greens regularly to help foliage retain moisture.



THANK YOU AND KEEP IN TOUCH!



Thank you so much for joining me as we prepare for the holidays. Please email me at bricksnblooms.com if you have any questions about any of these projects or just want to chat about plants and flowers.

Yours truly, Stacy xo



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ALWAYS BE
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AS WE HAVE
WE."

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This 40 page guide is full of simple DIY holiday decorating ideas that includes how to cut, care for, and design with fresh greens, as well as tips to purchase and incorporate faux greens with your holiday decorating style to create a cozy, beautiful, and organic vibe. From porch styling to cozy centerpiece and tablescape inspiration, wait until you try these budget-friendly holiday decorating ideas using fresh greens for every room in your home.

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