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OUR HOMES

## Cynthia Brian's Mid-Month Reminders

**COOK** with either fresh or dried herbs. You'll need more when you use fresh. Dried are more potent. For every tablespoon of fresh herbs in a recipe, substitute 1 teaspoon of dried.

**CREATE** a stunning DIY holiday table arrangement using a combination of ornamental cabbage, lilies, evergreen branches, white roses, and pinecones.

**LOOKING** for a last minute gift that will be unique and useful? Check out your local garden retailers for holiday ideas, including a pot of drought resistant kalanchoe or a Christmas cactus in bloom. **TRIM** low hanging branches of redwoods, pines, firs, and other evergreens to use in wreaths, garlands, and holiday ornamentation.

**CARE** for your land and your land will care of you. Our good earth is Mother Nature's Christmas gift to us.

Happy gardening, happy growing, fa la la la la!



Christmas cactus begins to bloom.



Cynthia Brian and her favorite ladies under the tree.

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