

Winterizing Your Landscape!

By winterizing your landscape you are extending the lifetime of your plants by protecting them against the elements. Most damage is caused to plants from harsh winds and sun burn. Heavy snow and freezing rain is also major problem which leaves plants irregularly shaped.

Make sure your plants receive a deep watering before the ground freezes to provide needed moisture through the winter.

Trees and Standards:

Make sure young trees and standards are properly staked for two winters for proper support. Also you should have tree guards up the trunk to protect it from rabbits and voles.

Evergreens and Broadleaf Evergreens:

Wrap them for the first two winters to reduce leaf desiccation.

Upright evergreens such as junipers and cedars, tie with twine or Vantage wrap to keep them pulled together so heavy snow doesn't split them apart.

Smaller shrubs may benefit from an A frame wooden shelter to help with snow load.

Broadleaf evergreens can be sprayed with an anti-desiccation spray.

Dwarf Albert Spruce is severely damaged by wind and sun burn therefore we recommend wrapping them every year.

With **Rhododendrons and Azaleas** we recommend covering root area with 8" mulch, oak leaves or peat-moss, building a shelter to protect from the sun and wrapping with burlap to protect from wind.

Deciduous Shrubs:

Wrap with burlap tender shrubs such as Japanese maples and flowering dogwoods that are exposed to harsh winds.

Any shrubs that are going to be under a heavy snow load it is recommended to have an A frame wooden shelter.

Perennials:

Evergreen perennials just stay as they are and dieback is prune off in the spring. (coral bells, some ferns, sedges, some grasses)

Non evergreen perennials that collapse after a few heavy frosts can be pruned to the ground (hostas, daylilies).

Winter interest perennials such as ornamental grasses, rudbeckia, echinacea, and sedum can be prune back to the ground in the spring.

Woody perennials such as russian sage, butterfly bush, gaura, perennial hibiscus should be cut back in the spring after new growth appears.

If you have any slightly tender perennials mound the mulch around them for the winter.

When WRAPING plants wrap them in early Nov before freeze up and unwrap them early to mid April



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