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*Crystals of hoarfrost sparkling on green foliage*

The winter of 2013/14 played havoc on many gardens. Let's hope that we do not experience that polar vortex again.

Winterizing trees and shrubs is an important element to the health of the plant and it's success in the following year. Damage from cold temperatures, winter winds, hungry animals, lack of hydration and proper fertilization can be devastating especially to newly planted trees and shrubs.

The following practices will help your garden and trees to thrive when spring arrives.

### **Wrapping with Burlap**

Heavy snow and ice storms cause damage by breaking and bending branches. Upright cedars, junipers, yews and boxwoods often need special attention. Maintain the form of vertical accents by wrapping and tying pyramidal trees and evergreens with burlap. If tying is required, use a soft wide band to tie a weak branch in place. This will minimize the effect of the snow load and ice on the branches preventing broken tree branches and droopy evergreens.

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## Use Anti Desiccant

Winter burn was evident on many yews and boxwoods in Windsor-Essex after our cold winter. Green foliage dries out and turns brown from the combination of the cold winter wind and dehydration. Spraying the foliage with an anti desiccant provides a protective coating which helps to maintain moisture in the cells of the leaves and needles. This is especially helpful on broadleaf evergreens such as holly, boxwood, azaleas and rhododendrons.



This clear coating is a biodegradable product made from pine oil. It gradually washes away over the winter months and by spring it is gone. Spray it on dry foliage and allow to dry for 48 hours. It should be used during early December when the temperature is about 45 degrees farenheit. The product does not have any effect on the ground water or soil. It is safe and not a hazard to the person that handles it.

## Use Mulch



Repeated freezing and thawing of the soil during spring and fall causes the soil to contract and expand. This can damage the root system and cause newly planted trees and shrubs to heave up. Use a thick coat of mulch over the root area of your trees and plants to protect and insulate the roots. Mulch will keep your plants root system warmer during the cold winter. It will also keep your plants cooler during the hot summer and assist in retaining moisture.

Canada Red® Pine Bark Mulch (shown on left) is a completely natural, undyed mulch derived from pine bark. It blends beautifully into any landscape or garden and results in an eye-catching professional job. Apply to a depth of 2"-3" to suppress weeds and retain soil moisture.

## ***Animal Damage***

Rodents, rabbits, and deer can all cause severe damage to plants during the winter. These animals feed on the bark, roots, tender twigs, and foliage of landscape plants during the winter. They can girdle trees and eat shrubs to the ground. Wrapping tree trunks with a protective tree guard is a good investment for newly planted trees because the thick plastic guard can be used for many many years.



Hungry deer can cause significant injury by eating and rubbing their antlers on trees during the fall. Bobbex is considered the best product on the market to repel deer. It needs to be reapplied after any significant rainfall.



Skoot is another good product to minimize the damage of small animals and rodents. It leaves a bitter taste on the plant so the animal moves on to something else.

## ***Irrigate and Fertilize***



Trees and shrubs should be fertilized during early spring and early summer. There are 3 numbers on every box of fertilizer~ N-P-K Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium. The final number, Potassium has many functions. Potassium guards against diseases, drought protection, cold tolerance and winter hardiness.

Lack of hydration and nutrition can have devastating effects on your trees and plants. Although the plants are dormant during the winter, "tip-kill" or winter die back is often a result of cold drying winds, bright winter sunlight and low humidity. These conditions accelerate the loss of moisture from plant tissues. This can result in damaged buds, dry twigs and dessicated evergreen foliage. So before you turn off your outdoor water soak all of your trees and plants one last time.

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We will be closing for the year on Friday, October 31st, 2014!

***We would like to thank you for your patronage during the 2014 season!***

Sincerely,

Vic, Kathy, Andrew, Julianna, Peter, Samantha, Miriam, Sarah, Kevin, Dylan and Campbell.