

DECEMBER TIMELY TIPS



from Moana Nursery



Tree fir all

Before bringing your tree inside, make a fresh cut to the stump, about 2 inches. Apply wilt-pruf for longer lasting needles.

When choosing a Christmas tree, select one with firm needles that don't drop off when the tree is raised up a few inches and dropped to the ground. The bottom of the stump should be moist with some sap present.



SNOW-VER LOAD

Don't break the ice.

Remove heavy snow loads from evergreen branches by gently sweeping snow off with a broom. If branches have been anchored to the ground, gently lift them from underneath with a broom. Be gentle, avoid beating, whacking or excessive shaking.

Allow any ice that accumulates on tree branches to melt naturally. Cracking ice with heavy objects or hot water should be avoided.



X-MAS TREE RECYCLING

KTMB offers Christmas tree recycling. Thurs., Dec. 26 - Tues., Jan 7 9 - 4:30 pm. A \$5 donation is recommended. View locations or volunteer at ktmb.org



Water during thaw or when there has been no precipitation for 3 weeks. Container plants should be watered after 2 weeks of no precipitation.

TO PROTECT THE BARK OF YOUNG OR FRAGILE TREES, WRAP THEIR BARK WITH A FLEXIBLE & LIGHT COLORED TREE WRAP. FROM A FEW INCHES ABOVE THE GROUND TO JUST BELOW THE LOWEST LIMBS. FROM LATE DEC. TO MID-MARCH THIS WILL HELP PREVENT DAMAGE FROM EXTREME WEATHER.



Avoid fertilizing non-blooming houseplants until March.



MULCH PERENNIAL BEDS & ROSES NOW IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO WITH 2 TO 4 INCHES OF G&B ORGANICS SOIL BUILDING CONDITIONER.

Avoid walking on frozen lawns; it can cause damage that may not be repaired until spring.

Be sure all leaves and twigs are removed from your lawn before our next snowfall.

DID YOU KNOW?



Decorative foil on holiday plants blocks drainage which leads to pooling & root rot. Remove foils or wraps from all holiday plants, or punch holes in the foil to allow water to drain.

MONITOR HOUSEPLANTS FOR INSECT PROBLEMS THAT OFTEN OCCUR WHEN PLANTS BECOME STRESSED DUE TO INSUFFICIENT LIGHT, OVERHEATED ROOMS OR IMPROPER WATERING AND FERTILIZING TECHNIQUES.



Offer pure suet cakes during the coldest weather. Our suet cakes are filled with the highest quality ingredients and the high fat content helps resist freezing, keeping calories available to birds despite cold days and long winter nights..



PUT OUT SEED CAKES AND CYLINDERS TO PROVIDE BIRDS WITH A STEADY SUPPLY OF FOOD, EVEN DURING THE WORST WEATHER. OFTEN THAT'S WHEN THEY NEED IT MOST!



For tailored advice or product recommendations, see your local plant doctor.