JANUARY TIMELY TIPS,



RECYCLE

RECYCLE YOUR TREE WITH KTMB! KTMB OFFERS CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING. THURS. DEC. 26 - TUES, JAN 7, 9 AM- 4:30 PM. A \$5 DONATION IS RECOMMENDED. VIEW LOCATIONS OR VOLUNTEER AT KTMB.ORG

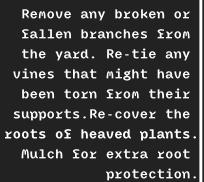
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LIGHT PRUNING OF DECIDUOUS TREES & SHRUBS CAN BE DONE THIS MONTH. WAIT UNTIL LATE WINTER OR VERY EARLY SPRING BEFORE BUDS BREAK TO DO HEAVY PRUNING. IMMEDIATELY PRUNE BACK ANY BRANCHES DAMAGED BY SNOW AND ICE.



Allow any ice that accumulates on tree branches to melt naturally. Cracking ice with heavy objects can damage the tree and Should be avoided.







PLAN YOUR PLANTS

Now is a great time to begin re-designing and budgeting for your spring garden. Get out ahead of the spring rush and schedule an appointment with one of our on-site Plant Doctors.

Plan for this year's vegetable and fruit crop. Examine your garden notes to see which plants produced best for you.



Be consistent & keep bird feeders full through the winter. Birds grow accustomed to your feeders especially in severe weather.If you leave home for an extended period, a combination of seed cylinders and seed blocks can feed the birds in your absence

Selectively prune branches from spring flowering trees & shrubs, bring them indoors to force early blooms. Cut branches with buds when temps are above freezing, cut at least 1 foot.

fertilizing

non-blooming

houseplants

until March.

Lay cut stems in a tub filled with room temperature water overnight. Arrange them in a vase, keep cool ¢ out of direct sunlight; change water every other day.

Prune & bloom

GOOD CHOICES INCLUDE FORSYTHIA, CRABAPPLE, FLOWERING QUINCE, SERVICEBERRY, MAGNOLIA, APPLE, FLOWERING PEAR & CHERRY, SPRING FLOWERING WITCH HAZEL AND REDBUD.

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



Distribute snow loads on both shrubs and garden beds when clearing driveways or shoveling walks.

Avoid using salt-based, de-icing products in or around garden areas for snow removal. We recommend Sierra Blue Snow & Ice Melter which is friendly to the environment, pets & plants.

AFTER EACH SNOWFALL, STAMP DOWN THE SNOW BELOW FEEDERS. GROUND-FEEDING BIRDS SUCH AS DARK-EYED JUNCOS, DOVES AND MANY SPARROWS WILL BE ABLE TO GATHER UP THE SEEDS THAT DROP FROM THE FEEDERS.



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