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Plant Winterization

ALREADY? Yes, believe it or not summer is looong gone, like a Prince Fielder home run.

Now, what do we need to consider when it comes to protecting all the hard work we did this year? If you were good (lucky) enough to get the plants to survive the dry exhausting heat of summer, we should take the proper steps to help them survive whatever winter we might have.

Plants will do their best if they have a substantial amount of water before the ground freezes. This is very important with evergreens that can lose moisture all winter.



A good root (low nitrogen) fertilizer or stimulator is beneficial to getting them established. Roots, although you can't see them, will continue to grow until the ground freezes (Late December-January). I remember playing golf last January and still being able to take a divot.

Broadleaf evergreens will lose plenty of moisture over the winter and it is a great benefit to them to spray an anti-desiccant (Wilt-Pruf) on them. Once around Thanksgiving and reapply in mid January if/when temps get above 40 degrees, even for one day.



Burlap screens are another good way to protect evergreens from wind, salt spray and sun. We sell them in multiple roll sizes and for the aesthetically-pleasing customer, we have it in Hunter Green as well.

All your hard work can be protected from Mother Nature and it will look so much better in the spring when plants need to look their best. You will be doing fewer replacements and your customers will know you care. Heck, you might be able to charge for this work.

A few more Prince Fielder home runs wouldn't hurt either. Go Tigers!

Have a good fall and a better spring!



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Wilt Pruf should be applied when temperature is above 40 degrees F