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GREN THUMB GARDENING



By CHRISTINE COLE

WINTERIZE YOUR PLANTS

Each spring the brutal scars of winter become visible in the land-scape. Evergreens appear burnt, junipers are bent out of shape and leaning to one side, many trees have split bark and possibly are eaten by rodents. It is not a pretty picture, and these effects of winter are difficult, if not impossible, to correct once they have occurred.

Evergreen shrubs and trees may appear burnt in the spring because of dehydration (loss of water). Winter winds remove moisture from plants, and unless this moisture is replaced in the leaves, they will dry and eventually die.

Plants susceptible to wind burn through dehydration include: Rhododendrons, and other broadleaved evergreens, yews, junipers, spruce and pines. The best protection against this is to water your plants well (to a depth of 6 inches) in the fall. In addition, wrapping these plants with burlap or winter wrap (a plastic mesh) will break the force and drying effects of the winter winds.

Many junipers, yews and flowering shrubs have upright branching systems. This makes them prone to damage by ice and heavy, wet snow loads. Their branches are pulled down and many upright junipers lean over. Wooden structures (that allow snow to slide off) and wrapping the plants with burlap or mesh is the most appropriate protection in this case.

Maple, London Plan, Crabapple and fruit trees are prone to bark splitting. A vertical split in the trunk bark develops due to rapid temperature changes in the cells of the bark. It usually occurs on the southwest side of the trunk and is sometimes referred to as southwest injury.

There is now available a thin, narrow paper which you warp around the trunk to reduce the sudden temperature changes and minimize the occurence of bark splitting.

Rodents frequently find the bark of fruit trees and ornamental shrubs tasty during the winter. Rabbits and mice may girdle a tree by eating the bark completely around the trunk. Trees rarely survive the damage, Plastic, spiral tree guards and/or a paint known as "Rabbit Repel" usually deters the rodents from damaging the trees.

By doing a little pre-winter care, your shrubs and trees have less damage next spring.

Each week Christine Cole of Tuitman's Garden Centre and Landscaping, Highway 25, 1 mile south of Acton, 853-2480, will be presenting helpful tips and information to assist you in creating your garden show-place!

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