



## December 1st, 2010

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah! Thank you again for signing up for our monthly Newsletter. You can follow us on Twitter and Facebook to stay up to date with our current specials, recent stock transfers, and much more. You can find these links at the bottom of this Newsletter or at [www.treelandnurseries.com](http://www.treelandnurseries.com).

### LIVING CHRISTMAS TREES

There are advantages to purchasing a living Christmas tree each year as opposed to a cut tree that you end up throwing away. The first is the look and smell of a living pine tree that radiates through your home. Secondly, you can plant the tree in your yard after the Christmas season and continue this tradition for years to come instead of just throwing your money away on cut trees each year. In the spirit of the season you can also donate the tree to your town or city so it can be planted at a local school or park and be enjoyed by all in your community. Don't forget to put ice cubes in the container of the tree to keep the tree watered when indoors. We just received our shipment of Christmas trees this week!

### POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias are a great seasonal plant that can add color into your home with their attractive foliage that ranges in colors. Keep your poinsettias near a window where they will get adequate light and away from any warm drafts. Don't forget to keep them watered as they will defoliate if they become too dry. Our first shipment of florist quality Poinsettias will be arriving later this week!

### FROST PROTECTION

With winter in full gear you will want to begin watching the low temperatures and protect your frost sensitive plants. We recommend covering your plants with Dewitt N-Sulate frost protection. N-Sulate is a permeable fabric designed to help protect annuals, vegetables, shrubs, and trees from severe cold and freezing. The fabric is easy to use and can be reused year to year because it is UV treated.

## LAWNS

Now that your winter lawn is up and growing you will want to be sure and water about 1 to 2 times a week for 10 - 15 minutes, depending on your system. We recommend using Calcium Nitrate to fertilize your winter lawn about every 4 to 6 weeks or as needed. The benefit to Calcium Nitrate is the type of nitrogen that it supplies the lawn with. After watering, the fertilizer is immediately available to the lawn and gives your lawn a rich green color. Calcium nitrate also leaves no residue after watering because it is highly soluble, which makes it safe for kids and pets.

## WEED CONTROL

Now that the cooler weather has set in and we've seen little bit of rain you will begin to see, if not already, weeds starting to pop up in your yard. If you have not already put down a pre-emergent to prevent those pesky weeds it is still not too late. When purchasing a weed killer be sure to buy the right product for the cold weather. For weeds in dirt and gravel areas we recommend using any product containing Diquat, which is an effective weed killer in the cold weather for all types of weeds. If you have weeds in your lawn we recommend Fertilome® Weed-Free Zone. This product contains four ingredients that are proven to kill tough weeds in Bermuda and Rye, such as spurge, and is rain fast in just three hours.

## WATERING

This is just a reminder to cut back on how often you water your plants and trees through the winter. Most established plants can be watered every 10 - 14 days and trees every 2 - 3 weeks.



## PLANT OF THE MONTH

**Green Hop Bush (Dodonea viscosa)** - This drought tolerant evergreen plant adds bright green foliage to any type of landscape. It is a great alternative to Oleander and creates almost no litter. Hop Bush can grow as a dense hedge for privacy and be maintained to almost any size. If left untrimmed it will grow 6' to 8' in height and 4' to 6' in width. You may also try Purple Hop Bush, *Dodonea viscosa* 'Purpurea', which will showcase beautiful purple foliage during the winter.



## TREE OF THE MONTH

Chinese Pistache (Pistacia Chinensis) - A repeat of November's Tree of the Month, but definitely worthy of two months. Around the Valley they are quite spectacular right now displaying their bright red color. This drought tolerant tree brings beautiful fall colors that include red, orange, and yellow. Chinese Pistache is moderate growing and will provide dense shade with a canopy reaching 30'-40' feet in height and width. Female trees will have clusters of small fruit.