



May the Beauty & Blessings of

Thanksgiving

Bring warmth & peace to your home this season

NOVEMBER 2015



The GREENLEAF

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IT'S GETTING FROSTY OUT THERE! *By Tony Dennis*

Cool days are finally here. After the hot and dry summer we've had, cooler temperatures are a relief. In North Texas the early winter temperatures can become somewhat erratic ... and so can we between sports, the holidays, and planting and/or prepping our landscapes for winter. November is the best time to accomplish this. It's not too hot, and it's not too cold (yet!). This only happens twice a year.

We are fast approaching our average first frost date. In Collin County it usually occurs around the 17th - 21st of November. But you have to remember, it's only the average. In the northern half of the county it can be a little sooner while in the urban areas Plano/Frisco/McKinney it may be slightly later. Last year the first frost occurred here at the nursery on Nov. 15th. The Farmer's Almanac is predicting to be cooler and wetter this winter, and their guess is probably better than all of those supercomputers the weather stations have!

Armed with all this concise information we need to complete our winter preparations, such as:

- ✿ **Fertilizing --** There is still time to apply a slow release fertilizer on your lawns and planting beds.
- ✿ **Mulching --** Add additional mulch now to help insulate tender plants and vegetables from chilling temperatures.
- ✿ **Planting --** Now is the time to plant our spring bulbs, as well as winter vegetables and bedding flowers.

When fertilizing seasonal flowers for the fall, use an organic or slow-release fertilizer such as Blood Meal or Bone Meal. And for large planting beds or lawns use either Gardenville 7-2-2, Microlife 6-2-4, or Lady Bug 8-2-4 fertilizers.



NOVEMBER 2015 TIMELY HINTS

PLANT...

- ♦ Winter color! **Pansies, Violas, Snapdragons, Dianthus, Ornamental Kale & Cabbage, and Cyclamen.** Now is the **best** time to plant shrubs, perennials, and vines ... as well as **TREES!** Take advantage of our [ANNUAL TREE SALE](#) going on now! Planting them now allows them to root-in and become established to prepare for next summer's heat.
- ♦ We have Daffodil and Tulip bulbs in stock now. Tulip bulbs will need to be refrigerated to prepare them for planting in late December and early January.

FERTILIZE...

- ♦ Pansies and other winter color with **BLOOD MEAL**. Sprinkle over the top and water in every two weeks.
- ♦ Use **SUPERTHRIVE™** on newly planted trees once per month to get those roots established and growing.

PRUNE...

- ♦ Pick-prune as needed to keep things shapely. You can trim back old flower stalks and unsightly foliage on perennials if you are a tidy type. Or, leave it all until mid-February with the excuse that you're leaving it for the birds and wildlife. Besides ... there aren't any football games in mid-February!
- ♦ Wait on major tree pruning until trees are dormant – usually mid-December to mid-February. Call an arborist for major tree trimming!

WATER...

- ♦ Hand water newly planted plants instead of running the whole sprinkler system. This concentrates the water where it's needed most – and saves water! Once trees and plants have shed their foliage and gone dormant, they require less water.

- ♦ Water your plants once per week if we go two or more weeks without rain.
- ♦ Use a **MOISTURE METER** to help determine how dry your soil is before you water. Run your sprinkler system manually.

PESTS...

- ♦ Fire ants can mound up in cold, wet, weather. Use **COME AND GET IT** (*a great organic bait!*). Practice organic gardening methods, and you'll likely see less ant mounds over time.
- ♦ If you've ever had scale on your trees and crape myrtles, you can spray an **INSECTICIDAL OIL** or **DORMANT OIL** late in the month to suffocate the critters and prevent their return.
- ♦ It's often difficult to prescribe a method of pest control over the phone. We need to visually identify it to make a proper recommendation for control.

OTHER BITS & PIECES...

- ♦ Remove the wires and stakes on trees that have been in the ground a year or longer.
- ♦ Keep your bird feeders filled with seed and fresh water in the bird baths.
- ♦ Use branches, foliage, and berries from your yard for festive decorations for the holidays!
- ♦ Now is the time to transplant those perennials, shrubs, roses, and crape myrtles that seemed to be unhappy this past season in their current circumstances. Be sure to use **SUPERTHRIVE™** to help them get re-established in their new location.



FROSTY ...continued...

By Tony Dennis

Mulching and compost produces a nice warm blanket for our plants. In addition, since our soil does not freeze adding a little moisture before a freeze will help conduct heat from the ground which can further provide insulation. Remember, even in winter our perennial plants need water. Their roots are still growing. If we go more than 3-4 weeks without rainfall, we recommend watering (when the temperature is above freezing).

This is the best time to plant perennials. Even though they may not look their best during dormancy, their roots will still be growing throughout the winter months, which gives them a better start next spring. They also don't have to contend with heat and lack of moisture this time of year. Even if you aren't planting a winter garden go ahead and add a layer of compost over the area. It helps prevent winter weeds and can be turned into the soil in the spring for added organic material. All your annual color should be planted before the end of the month so that their roots can be established. As it cools down they slow down root and top growth.

As the holidays fast approach, won't it be nice to have your gardening tasks completed so that you can relax and enjoy them?

Happy Thanksgiving!

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