

## Timely Tip for December Gardeners Cornelius Nursery

### Winterizing Your Landscape

Living in Texas, you never know what to expect from Mother Nature. Being prepared for our extreme weather is the best solution! One simple thing you can do for your landscape plants is to provide a 2 to 3 inch layer of mulch. **Mulching** is beneficial year round but during the colder periods it provides a layer of insulation for the roots. Secondly, **water your landscape** well before a cold spell. A drought stressed plant is more susceptible to freeze damage. Thirdly, for more tender plants, purchase **frost cloth** for extra protection. Remember that many frost tender plants can be damaged even when the temperatures are in the high 30's. Frost cloth is a fabric which adds 3 to 4 degrees of warmth. Cover the plant completely allowing the edges to come all the way to the ground. That way, we are utilizing the heat which radiates from the ground.

Become a member of the Cornelius Garden Club and you will receive email notices prior to any weather crisis. Visit [www.mytexasgarden.com](http://www.mytexasgarden.com) to join.

This is also a great time to start planning changes or additions to your landscape. Bring a sketch or photo and let our Cornelius Texas Certified Nursery Professionals assist you!