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## JANUARY'S PLANNING GUIDE

*This is a Great Time to Plant!*

### PLANT:

- **Trees and shrubs** now so they will be well established by summer. Avoid planting cold-tender plants such as: oleander, pittosporum and palms
- **Pansies, viola, cyclamen, snapdragons, primulas, ornamental kale & cabbage**
- **Spring-flowering bulbs** including daffodils can be planted now. **Tulips & Dutch hyacinths** that have been refrigerated for at least 45 days at 45°.
- **Onions**, later this month
- **Fruit trees, pecans, blackberries, and grapevines.**
- **Existing shrubs and trees** if you need to relocate them

### PRUNE:

- **Fruit trees** to encourage stronger limbs. **Grapes**, remove 75 to 85% of their cane growth.
- **Trees** to remove mistletoe, dead or damaged limbs, and unwanted roots--limit removal to 1 or 2 significant roots each year. Don't "top" trees.
- **Shrubs** that require heavy shearing and re-shaping.

### FERTILIZE:

- Newly planted trees & shrubs every 3-4 weeks for first year with **Ferti.lome Root Stimulator**.
- Pansies, during warm spells, with **Hi-Yield Blood and Bone Meal** and new annuals and perennials with **Osmocote** and water-soluble plant food to promote new blooms through winter.
- Existing ryegrass and fescue with high nitrogen **Covington's Premium Lawn Fertilizer**.

### BE ON WATCH:

- Roadside aster, henbit and clover weeds can be controlled with **Ferti.lome Weed-Free Zone**.
- Aphids, spider mites, mealy bugs, other problem insects; control with **Bonide Systemic Insecticide**. For best control of scale use **Hi-Yield Dormant Oil**.
- To kill borers in the trunks of trees, use **Ferti.lome Insect Drench**. Protects for up to one year.
- Keep **frost cloth** on hand and cover tender plants to protect from freezing weather. Top dress landscape and flower beds with at least a 2 inch layer of **mulch** to help retain moisture and keep soil temperature warmer.

### WATER:

- Container plants, flower beds, shrubs & trees as needed to keep healthy and reduce winter damage.
- Trees installed for less than two years must have special care to ensure a strong and healthy root system. See our Plant Article on **Tree Care for the First Two Years** on our website or come by and pick one up.

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Now is the **time to plan**. We're not as busy as we will be in Spring, so it's a great time to visit with one of our nursery professionals to get help with your plant needs. Or, if you want a professionally designed landscape created for you, this is also a great time to work with one of our designers.