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Two Weeks Remaining

**50% off all plant material, bulbs,
and seeds! Plus, 50% off pottery,
gift items, and outdoor furniture!**

We are sad to say, that unless the weather greatly improves we will be closing
for the season Friday, November 1st.



Woodland Phlox



50% off all gift items!



Pottery, including sale pots, 50% off!



All perennials 50% off!



All Shrubs 50% off!

Sale does not include: Larry Gilds Photography.



Wilt Stop

Desiccation, or winter burn, can result when low soil moisture combines with wind and freezing temperatures. Boxwoods are prone to this water loss. You may have noticed their struggle this spring. A product called Wilt Stop is a great way to prevent this moisture loss.

Wilt Stop is made from Pine resin and coats the material with a flexible protective coating. Saving it against dehydration. Wilt Stop should be used once the plant material has moved its moisture down from the crown to the root system (dormancy). In a typical year, we would consider November this time.

Once the shrubs have gone dormant, you will spray your plant when daytime temperatures are still above freezing. Apply this product at least one hour prior to rainfall. Once you give your shrubs a good coating, be sure to immediately wash the sprayer with soap and water to prevent clogging.

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Home Stretch To-Do

- Keep newly planted broadleaf evergreens and other evergreens watered once every two weeks until the ground freezes
- Newly planted deciduous trees and shrubs can be watered once every three weeks until

the
ground
freezes

- Remove any diseased garden debris and destroy
 - do not compost
- Protect any zone 5 perennials with wood mulch or leaf mulch
- Pull annuals out of containers and clean-out remaining potting soil
 - sterilize containers if a late season fungus reared its ugly head
- Make a list

of
annuals
you
loved
and
hated

- Add
compost
to
raised
beds,
container
gardens,
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other
highly
used
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- Remove
the
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To-Do NoNos

- Do
not
prune
any
evergreens,
grasses,
spring
blooming
shrubs
or
temperamental
perennials
until
April

- Do not prune Roses until that same time frame
 - Do not fertilize plant material in the fall
 - Do not waste your spray by treating diseased perennials this late in the game
 - Do not prune Oak Trees until the dead of winter to prevent bugs from spreading Oak Wilt
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The Four Letter S Word

Snow

Close your eyes if you don't want to see it. For the rest of us, lets talk about the possibility of another snowy blowy winter.

I have written before about the positive aspects of snow. Perhaps by starting the cold weather months with a good attitude we can tolerate the fluffy white stuff a bit better?

Benefits:

Snow acts as a insulation blanket. Preventing the extreme shifts in soil temperatures. The uneven warming and cooling is very hard on plant material.

Warm winter days can trigger plants to break dormancy too early and when temperatures return to normal, they suffer as a result. A blanket of snow keeps these plants in dormancy until spring actually arrives. This is incredibly important as our weather patterns become more erratic.

As snow falls from the sky, nitrogen fixes to the particles providing our lawns and plant material with "poor mans fertilizer." Its not enough to skip fertilizing in the spring, but hey every bit counts and this option is free.

Seed stratification is the process whereby seed dormancy is broken in order to promote this germination. Snow can provide the natural moist cooling period that many of many seeds require in order to germinate.

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