

November 2008

- *Western Oregon:* Bait garden, flower beds for slugs during rainy periods. Use traps or iron phosphate baits, which are pet-safe.
- Rake and destroy leaves from fruit trees that were diseased this year. Remove mummified fruit.
- Tie red raspberry canes to wires; prune to 1 foot above the top wire or wrap the canes around the top wire. Check for holes made by crown borers at base of plant, treat with registered insecticides if seen.
- *Western Oregon:* Good time to transplant landscape trees and shrubs.
- *Western Oregon:* Prune roses to “knee-high” to prevent winter wind damage.
- Renew mulch around perennial flower beds after removing weeds.
- *Western Oregon:* Take cuttings of rhododendrons and camellias for propagation; propagate begonias from leaf cuttings.
- Place mulch of manure over dormant vegetable garden area. A 3- to 4-inch layer of leaves spread over the garden plot prevents soil compaction by rain.
- Cover rhubarb and asparagus beds with composted manure and straw.
- Use mulches to prevent erosion and compaction from rain.
- Watch for wet soil and drainage problems in yard during heavy rains. Tiling, ditching, and French drains are possible solutions.
- Protect built-in sprinkler systems: drain the system, insulate the valve mechanisms.
- *Central/eastern Oregon:* Water your plants every 6 to 8 weeks with a deep soaking to prevent drying out.
- *Central/eastern Oregon:* Wrap the trunks of young, thin-barked trees with paper tree wrap late in the month to prevent sunscald.
- Monitor landscape plants for problems. Do not treat unless a problem is identified.
- Clean and oil lawnmower, other garden equipment, and tools before storing for winter. Drain and store hoses carefully to avoid damage from freezing.
- Check firewood for insect infestations. Burn affected wood first and do not store inside.
- Tie limbs of upright evergreens to prevent breakage by snow or ice.
- Plant shrubs and trees that supply food and shelter to birds; e.g., sumac, barberry, elderberry, and holly.
- Protect tender evergreens from drying wind.
- Trim chrysanthemums to 4 to 6 inches after they finish blooming.
- Moss appearing in lawn means too much shade or poor drainage.
- *Central/eastern Oregon:* Apply a winter fertilizer to your lawn.
- Place a portable cold frame over rows of winter vegetables.
- Reduce fertilizer applications to houseplants.

- Still time to plant spring-flowering bulbs, but don't delay.
- *Western Oregon*: Apply lime to lawns if needed.
- Rake and compost leaves that are free of diseases and insects.
- Place mulch around berries for winter protection.
- Plant window garden of lettuce, chives, parsley.
- Check potatoes in storage and remove any going bad.
- *Western Oregon*: Plant garlic for harvest next summer.
- Force spring bulbs for indoor blooms in December.
- Good time to plant trees and shrubs.