

WINTER TIPS

The weight of snow and ice on the branches of your shrubs and trees can be damaging. Use a steel rake, or other long handled tool, to remove the snow. It is important to do this before the possibility of ice being added to the snow, increasing the weight.

Prune any damaged branches as soon as they are discovered. This will discourage insects from nesting there in the spring.

Check your roof for snow weight. Using a roof rake after heavy snow

falls will prevent snow and ice from building up on the edge of your roof, creating leaks which result in water damage inside your house. A heating coil on the roof line is another option. We can help you with keeping your roofs clear of snow, or recommend an arborist who can reach especially high places with their bucket trucks.

Early spring is the best time to maintain or install high bush blueberries and raspberries. We can help you plan what varieties to use, site planning and the availability of specific plants. Fruit trees and bushes sell out quickly

in the nurseries so it is important to have a plan in place by January or February for the coming spring. This will allow time to order special varieties if they aren't available locally.

Due to the increased number of people growing their own food crops, along with other considerations, experts are forecasting the shortage of seeds to continue through 2010. Vegetable seeds and seedlings are generally ordered by January before the stock is depleted, so order early.

IDEAS FOR LOW MAINTENANCE LANDSCAPES



Audica is now offering a leaf management service to our customers. With the addition of specialized equipment and knowledge we can gather your leaves more quickly and efficiently. Then you have the choice of having the leaves hauled away or shredded and used as mulch on your gardens. Using the leaves as mulch will keep the weeds down and return nutrients to your soil.

We feel that in addition to saving you money we will have the option of improving the health of your soil while reducing the amount of commercial soil amendments you would need to add, every year. As a bonus, in the spring your gardens will look freshly mulched.

PEST CONTROL

Mice, chipmunks, squirrels and other rodents like to make themselves nests in your attics, basements and outbuildings. Rodents sometimes chew through wires, which creates a fire hazard.

Make a point to regularly walk through seldom used spaces checking for shredded nesting material and scat. Look for sagging

insulation, foot prints in the dust, and a foul odor. Protect yourself by wearing a paper mask, gloves and an extra layer of clothing that can be removed and laundered immediately. Be prepared to bag offending nesting material and the possibility of disturbing a four legged creature or two. Traps of several varieties can be purchased at Brook's Feed and Farm in Brunswick.



THINGS TO WATCH FOR

Watch for flooding in your basement and storage spaces in the coming months. Winter is often when problems occur and go unnoticed until the damage has been done.

We can pump flooded areas with our quiet Honda 120cc semi-trash pump. We are capable of pumping 180 gallons per minute and we can pull water from 26 feet below ground level if necessary.

With 40 feet of discharge hose we

move the water far enough away from your structure to keep it from re-flooding the area.

We are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is important to move quickly before home heating systems, hot water heaters and other property is ruined.

It is our goal to be able to respond immediately when called. We can also clean the space and haul away debris.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

Customer Advantage



Because we appreciate every one of our customers, we have created a way to give something back to you. Our Brunswick garden has been enlarged to accommodate organically grown vegetables and herbs, plus flowers and foliage for cutting and drying.

During the 2010 gardening season we will be inviting you to come and gather a harvest of your own to take home. We will send out cards after

the spring clean-up announcing the details.

Every Tuesday we will welcome you and be available to help you make selections, harvest your vegetables and socialize. Customers are asked to bring a basket or bag to carry your bounty home in. Please come and visit with us while you plan your menu. Thank you all for being such a positive part of our lives.



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