



David Bennett Says ...

An ounce of prevention is the cure this winter...

The big snow storm this season seemed to take Atlanta by surprise. In addition to the toll the dramatic climate has had on our lives, it has also had a big impact on our landscapes. And in most scenarios a bit of preventative action could be the cure to so many winter woes. With that in mind, here are several things you can do to help minimize damage to your trees & plants ensuring their health now through spring.



Image by Janet Hall

Time to mulch! In addition to adding beauty to your beds and a well-groomed look for your home, mulch has insulating properties that help protect delicate roots. Newly planted trees and shrubs are especially at risk due to their shallow roots. Laying a thin layer of mulch helps to retain water and reduce temperature extremes, acting as a barrier for extra protection this winter.

Water your trees! Chilly winds are very drying and can extract water from your trees. Occasionally watering trees this winter helps relieve drought and is another great way to insulate. Before a big storm hits be sure to thoroughly saturate the ground. When the temperatures lower and the soil freezes, the resulting ice around the root ball creates an igloo effect and insulates and protects the roots from damage.

Blanket your plants! Perennials and marginally hardy shrubs can be damaged by the freezing temperatures. Special attention should be paid to the above-ground parts of these plants. This can be accomplished by covering them with a blanket or other insulating materials like burlap. This simple measure shields the exposed parts from the cold which could mean all the difference in a plant's survival.

If you have any questions regarding plant hardiness or simply need a quote for remulching your property, please give Garon a call today at 770-457-3100 ext. 7.

Community



Image by Atlanta Botanical Gardens

Happenings

The Atlanta Botanical Garden's latest exhibit Orchid Daze is a celebration of three artists who found creative inspiration in landscapes and gardens: Vincent Van Gogh, Claude Monet, and Paul Gauguin. Amazing displays of orchid designs capture aspects of these legendary artists' works that have to be seen and experienced! The exhibition is from Feb. 8th - April 13th and will be featured in the Fuqua Conservatory and Orchid Center.

Bennett Design & Landscape Project To Air On HGTV In March!



Bennett Design & Landscape will soon be featured on the HGTV show *Yard Crashers*. This is a great project that is sure to provide homeowners with lots of design inspiration for their own backyards! The show is scheduled to air on March 31st.

Meet Our Newest Staff Members

Doug Saylor: Landscape Designer



Doug earned his degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Georgia in 2006. Upon graduation, he worked designing projects on Lake Oconee. Doug continued to work in a freelance capacity while carrying out his dream of traveling to perform music. Several years, a few barista jobs and many touring experiences later, Doug has come full circle in his pursuit of a career in landscape architecture and is thrilled to be

practicing again. In his free time Doug continues to play music, loves to distance run, and spends time in the city and mountains with his fiancée and their dog.

Philip Palma: Maintenance Foreman

Philip grew up in the landscape industry and is excited to continue his career as a maintenance foreman with Bennett Design and Landscape. He attended Valdosta State University and is continuing his education here in Atlanta. When he's not at work he enjoys spending time with his dog and cooking for his family.



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