

# Winterizing Trees & Shrubs

## **Watering**

It is important to continue watering newly planted and established trees and shrubs until the temperatures are consistently cold. It is common to continue watering through November or December.

## **Fertilizer**

Use fertilizer spikes or a granular fertilizer in the fall (September/October) to achieve improved growth the following spring.

## **Mulching**

Applying mulch is one of the best things to do for your plants. Not only does it help conserve moisture around the root zone, it also helps keep the soil cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter.

## **Protect from Salt Spray**

This is commonly done to protect evergreens from salt in the winter. Create a burlap wall in front of the shrubs to prevent salt burn.

## **Tree Wrap**

Wrap tree trunks with tree wrap to protect the trunk from sun scald.

## **Apply Dormant Oil Spray**

Apply a horticultural oil or all seasons spray to control pests next season.

## **Wilt-Pruf or Rock Shield Spray**

To protect against damaging, drying winter winds, use Wilt-Pruf or Rock Shield spray on broadleaf evergreens (boxwood, holly, azalea and rhododendron)