

Helping Evergreens Stay Healthy Through the Winter



Do you have evergreen trees and shrubs in your landscape? They may need a little extra care this winter to keep their good looks.

Those dry winter winds pull a lot of moisture out of evergreen leaves and needles leaves and if the ground is dry or frozen, that moisture can't be replaced. Needles or leaves may develop brown tips and edges. When we have dry weather like we've had this fall, our evergreens benefit from a deep soak in late November or early December so that they aren't water stressed before the ground freezes. You can check the condition of your soil by pushing a long screwdriver into the soil. If the soil isn't frozen and doesn't feel moist give your evergreens a long, deep soak. There's no value in trying to water your evergreens if the ground is frozen, and watering if the soil feels wet can damage their roots.