



Frost/Freezing temperatures and even snow are predicted for Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday nights, September 7, 8 & 9!

Please check your local forecast frequently for updates!



Luan Akin, Tagawa's Garden Ambassador, shares her tips for protecting tender and blooming garden plants and container gardens from frost and freezing using cloth for freeze protection.

Here are some other tips to protect your landscape plants and to help save your annuals & vegetable plants:

- Water plants thoroughly--those in your landscape as well as those in pots. Well-hydrated plants tolerate colder temperatures better than dry ones. Don't forget those newly planted perennials, trees and shrubs! Mulch is helpful however after frost has passed, be sure to remove it from close to the plant's trunk or stems.
- Due to current conditions, there is a shortage of frost blankets, so in a pinch, fabric sheets may be used. Watch our video to see how to make a tent over the plants first to prevent crushing the plants as sheets can become heavy when wet with snow or rain. Or, use overturned trash cans, buckets or pots. Plastic sheets or trash bags are NOT recommended. Wall O'Waters can be used to protect smaller plants, just refill with water and clip at the top.
- If you have new plants you haven't planted yet, keep them protected overnight by grouping them in a protected area outside next to the house, then covering them, or put them in the garage. (If annuals or plants grown in a greenhouse, put them in the garage if at all possible.) Plant them in a few days when these frost/freezes passes.
- Remove garden hoses from outdoor faucets to keep safe from freezing.
- Turn off and drain any exposed sprinkler systems.
- Don't forget to bring in any houseplants you may still have on your patio.
- Even cool season plants & vegetables like pansies, snapdragons and lettuces, spinach, kale may need protection due to the extreme temperature drop.
- For warm season plants like tomatoes, harvest any full-size fruit/vegetables that are on the plants, leaving a small piece of stem if possible. Let these ripen inside your home at room temperature. If the plants are in the ground and you want to try to protect the plants by covering them as explained above, and hopefully temperatures will not get as low as predicted! If you have grown your vegetables in containers, you can bring the pots into the garage for a couple days until the cold temperatures pass.
- If it does snow, use a broom to gently knock the snow off tree branches -- be sure to gently lift branches from underneath to avoid breakage.

- Come see us* or contact us with any concerns or questions!
(* for current requirements for our Safer Shopping, please [click here](#))

Frost, Pumpkins and Bulbs, Oh My!

Since our e-blast on September 3rd, we've now received our first shipments of decorative pumpkins, corn & cornstalks, winter squash and fall-planted bulbs! These and the predicted frost are a reminder that it is **Fall in Colorado!!**



Best Wishes to you and your plants with this first threat of frost!

Sincerely,

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