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As colder weather sets in, it's time to start preparing your landscape for winter. Here are a few key things to do now:

- **Winter Watering:** Even in winter, your trees, shrubs, and lawns need occasional deep watering—especially during dry spells with no snow cover. Aim to water on days above 40°F, during mid-day so it has time to soak in before freezing.
- **Mulch and protect plants:** Add mulch around the base of trees and plants to insulate roots and conserve moisture. Wrap sensitive shrubs with burlap to protect them from wind and frost damage.

- **Prune and clean up:** Remove dead or diseased branches and clear out fallen leaves to prevent pests and fungal diseases from overwintering in your yard.
- **Stop fertilizing:** Fertilizer encourages new growth that's vulnerable to cold damage.
- **Prep tools and irrigation:** Drain garden hoses, shut off and blow out sprinkler systems, and store tools properly to prevent damage from freezing.

Taking these simple steps now will help your landscape survive—and thrive—through winter and into spring!

