

Newsletter | JANUARY

THE WOODLANDS TREE EXPERTS

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January is Prime Time for
Pruning and Planting!!

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✓ Pruning and Planting

- Winter is the best time to prune your trees. Pruning now gives your trees a head start for healthy spring growth.
- If you've got turf struggling to get sunlight, pruning your trees will help more rays reach the ground and give your grass a fighting chance.

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✓ Aerate, Fertilize, and Hydrate

- Aerating your soil ensures all those good nutrients get down to the roots where they're needed most. Your trees will thank you by thriving in the months to come.
- Speaking of nutrients, it's a great time to fertilize your trees so they're fueled up and ready to bloom mid-February.



Cold Snaps and Pine Bark Beetles



This cold weather might kill off some pesky pine bark beetles. But don't let your guard down—these infestations are at unprecedented levels since the 2011 drought. If you've got pines, let Ed take a look and keep those beetles at bay.

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✓ Time is Running Out to Plant

- January marks the tail end of the prime planting window (November-February).
- Planting in November gives trees a chance to settle in before the Texas heat cranks up in April and starts baking the soil.
- www.texas-tree-planting.tamu.edu is a great resource to find your ideal tree!



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✓ Freeze Protection Tips

- Keep those planters well-watered! Water acts as an insulator, protecting roots from freezing temperatures. Avoid watering the foliage and focus on the soil.
- For palm tree owners up here in The Woodlands, our colder weather means extra care. Wrapping the trunk and using a heat lamp can keep them cozy, but it's no small task. If you're aiming for a tropical backyard vibe, let's talk about alternatives that don't need as much pampering.

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✓ Post-Freeze Assessments

- After a freeze, some blooming plants may look worse for wear, but don't panic. They might bounce back! Let us assess your plants to determine what needs a trim and what's ready to grow again.
- If you have trees that seem severely damaged or on their last limb, chances are they had pre-existing conditions. Let Ed give them a once-over and decide what's salvageable.



Is Your Yard Ready For Spring?

January is a busy month for your trees, but that's why we're here—to make it easy for you. Whether it's pruning, planting, fertilizing, or figuring out what to do with a struggling tree, give Ed and The Woodlands Tree Experts a call. Let's get your yard in tip-top shape for spring!

