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### PLANT PROTECTION PRACTICES IN FREEZING WEATHER

#### Follow These Steps to Help Protect Your Plants

Follow the following steps to help protect your hard work and investments during cold weather.



- Know which plants you have in your landscape and garden because some plants can withstand cold better than others. Extra care and attention should be placed on any new plantings and those that are more tender and susceptible to freeze. Some particular plants that will struggle in this cold weather may include, but not limited to, sago palms, bottlebrush, hibiscus, croton, philodendrons, rosemary, bougainvillea. Even your cool season annuals and plants selected for typical Brazos Valley temperatures will most likely be injured in the sustaining freezing temperatures that are predicted.
- Cover your plants with frost cloth, blankets or quilts or cardboard boxes. The goal is to hold in the heat. Ensure that the coverings go all the way to the ground so that air cannot flow underneath. Do not use tarps or plastic sheets.
- Add Christmas lights (even led lights do not work as well) or other heat admitting lights to increase temperatures. Be careful not to have the lights directly touching the plants or coverings.
- Move all container plants indoors, if possible. If you are unable to move your large containers inside the house, move them to a covered area or against a larger structure.
- Water your plants beforehand. A deep mulch will also help hold heat in the root zone. In some cases, although the tops of the plants may be damaged, the roots will survive allowing the plant to regenerate.

Leave your plants covered until the freeze is over. It will take a few days, maybe weeks, to see the extent of damage to your plants. Be patient and not too quick to prune dead limbs and leaves since we may experience another cold snap. Keep watching our newsletter and we will feature a follow-up to how our landscapes fared



## Protect Your Plants During Freezing Weather

The Brazos Valley is facing a hard freeze with temperatures that haven't been experienced in decades. Remember that most of our plants in the Brazos Valley are rated for Hardiness Zone 8B, which is based on an average annual extreme minimum temperature of 15°-20°F. Our predicted temperatures will be well below that average and the hard freeze will last for several days. This could have devastating effects on your plants! It is important to take a few extra steps to try to protect you hard work and investments and Producers is here to help.

[Click Here to View Plant Protection Steps](#)

## Fruit Trees

It's time to plant fruit trees! Producers Cooperative Garden Center has carefully selected fruit trees that are suitable for the Brazos Valley that include: apples, figs, pears, plums, avocados and more. Our garden center and staff always strive to have everything you need for a successful garden, orchard, and lawn. Stop by today; our knowledgeable staff is here to help you select your fruit trees and amendments to get off to a great start.



**Dr. Joe Outlaw**  
**From The Ground Up**  
**Climate Change & Agriculture**

## From The Ground Up

From The Ground Up educates our friends and neighbors in the Brazos Valley about agriculture and its impact on their everyday lives. Be sure to watch our weekly televised segment at approximately 6:15 am on Thursdays or during the Saturday 6 o'clock evening news on KBTX-TV 3, Bryan-College Station's CBS affiliate.

This weeks segment covers how climate change legislation can affect agriculture with *Professor & Extension Economist, Dr. Joe Outlaw.*



## Aquatic Vegetation Seminar

Join the Aquatic Vegetation seminar on **Tuesday, February 16th from 6p.m.-7:30p.m.** This educational program will cover potential prevention methods, discussing their feasibility including money, labor and timing.

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