

## Fall Protection Chores

- Protect trunks of young fruit trees from winter damage. A hardware cloth cylinder of 1/4" mesh will deter hungry voles and mice. To protect against sun-scald, use spiral tree guards to reflect the heat, and prevent the bark from cracking during cold nights and warmer days..
- Dig up and store tender bulbs, including tuberous begonias, glads, dahlias, cannas, and others.
- Rake and mulch fallen leaves. If left unattended, leaves will suffocate your lawn or beds. Shred them to make a great mulch.
- Continue to water if we do not get at least 1" rain per week. Plants planted this year especially will need regular, deep watering.

## Wilt Stop Plant Protection

Use Wilt Stop for winter protection for rhododendron, evergreens, azalea, holly, mountain laurel, and other ornamentals. Evergreens that lose moisture through their leaves and needles during winter can't replenish it when the ground is frozen. This anti-transpirant helps provide winter protection by sealing in moisture. Wilt Stop is a natural, organic, nontoxic anti-transpirant/ anti-desiccant, made from the resin of pine trees.

Wilt Stop dries in sunlight to form a clear, soft, flexible film on treated plants. This film protects the plant from moisture loss, drying out, winter kill, wind burn and salt injury. Treated plants continue to grow naturally, without any material interruption of osmosis, respiration or photosynthesis. Wilt Stop also can be used to help preserve carved pumpkins from drying out, and help to preserve Christmas trees, wreaths and green.