

Cold Weather Preparation



Water your landscape 1 day before cold front

Ensure a mulch depth of 2"-3" to help insulate the soil



Cover cold sensitive tropical plants, and remove covers in the morning

Apply copper fungicide to cold sensitive palms before and after cold weather



Potted plants are extremely susceptible to cold. Move them inside a garage or porch

Avoid pruning plants before or after cold weather, wait until weather warms



Florida is about to experience some **SERIOUSLY COLD** weather and Wilcox Nursery and Landscape wants to make sure you're prepared!

It's not often that us Floridians, especially south and central, see temps dipping into the 20's. If proper precautions aren't taken this cold weather can cause some serious damage to our prized Florida landscapes.

Taking the precautions we've listed below will help to minimize the damaging affects of these cold temperatures, preserving more of your beautiful landscape.

Here are some tips to ensure you're properly protecting your plants:

- Ensure you water plantings and landscape beds WELL. Moist soil helps retain heat which protects roots.
- When covering plants try to stake/prop the cover off the leaves, this helps protect from breakage and to improve insulation. Ensure it covers the entire plant, leaving no gaps/openings for air to escape/enter. Remove coverings when temperature start to rise so you plants can get some sun.
- When possible, move potted plants indoors or into covered/protected areas of your home like a patio, garage, or carport.
- Avoid pruning plants during instances of cold weather as you are essentially removing precious insulation that could help protect the plant.
- Protecting roots is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. Even if your plants foliage gets damaged, a healthy and strong root system will help your plant regrow in the spring!

Cold Sensitive Plants

All **Bolded** plants are recommended to be covered or brought inside to protect the foliage from damage. Anything not **Bolded** can be covered, but it is not necessary.

Many of these plants will survive the cold but may drop their leaves or sustain cold damage if not protected. Some plants can even die back to the ground but come back up during spring. Check out our blog about what to do after cold weather has come through.

Below 50*

Native

Bahama Cassia
Beach Mistflower
Beach Verbena
Bird Pepper
Buttonsage
Coastal Allamanda
Dune Sunflower
Firebush
Porterweed
Verbena
Bay Cedar
Privet Cassia
Maypop

Non-Native

Bananas
Blanket Flower
Exotic fruit (Feijoa, passionfruit, strawberries)
Geraniums
Tender Herbs
Tender Veggies
Hibiscus

Below 40*

Native

Bahama Cassia	Floridana Lantana	Bahama Coffee	Geiger Tree
Bay Cedar	Grayleaf Teabush	Black Ironwood	Gumbo Limbo
Beach Mistflower	Key West Morning Glory	Butterfly Sage (Varronia)	Jamaican Caper
Beach Morning Glory	Maypop	Buttonwood, Green	Key Thatch
Beach Verbena	Pawpaw	Buttonwood, Silver	Necklace Pod
Bird Pepper	Pineland Lantana	Cinnamon Bark	Pigeon Plum
Buttonsage	Porterweed	Cinnecord	Sea Grape
Coastal Allamanda	Privet Cassia	Cocoplum, Horizontal	Sea Oxeye Daisy
Dune Sunflower	Tampa Verbena	Cocoplum, Red-tipped	Sea Plum
Firebush		Corkystem Passionvine	Sea Purslane (Sesuvium)
		Dwarf Saltbush	Silkgrass
		Fiddlewood	Skyblue Clustervine
		Florida Thatch	White, red, redberry Stoppers

Non-Native

Bananas	Copper Plant
Blanket Flower	Crotons
Exotic fruit (Feijoa, passionfruit, strawberries)	Desert Rose
Geraniums	Ixora
Hibiscus	Jacaranda
Impatiens	Palm Trees
Marigolds	Poinciana
Petunias	Succulents/Cacti
Plumeria	Ti Plants
Tender Herbs	Tibouchina
Tender Veggies	
Verbena	

Frost or Freeze

Native

Bahama Cassia	Cocoplum, Red-tipped	Necklace Pod	Marlberry
Bahama Coffee	Coffee (all species)	Pawpaw	Quailberry
Bay Cedar	Corkystem Passionvine	Pigeon Plum	Scrub Mint
Beach Mistflower	Dune Sunflower	Pineland Lantana	False Rosemary
Beach Morning Glory	Dwarf Saltbush	Porterweed	Calamintha
Beach Verbena	Fiddlewood	Privet Cassia	Simpson's Stopper
Bird Pepper	Firebush	Rouge Plant	
Black Ironwood	Florida Thatch	Sea Grape	
Butterfly Sage (Varronia)	Floridana Lantana	Sea Oxeye Daisy	
Buttonsage	Geiger Tree	Sea Plum	
Buttonwood, Green	Grayleaf Teabush	Sea Purslane (Sesuvium)	
Buttonwood, Silver	Gumbo Limbo	Silkgrass	
Cinnamon Bark	Jamaican Caper	Skyblue Clustervine	
Cinnecord	Key Thatch	Tampa Verbena	
Coastal Allamanda	Key West Morning Glory	White, red, redberry Stoppers	
Cocoplum, Horizontal	Maypop		

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Desert Rose	Poinciana
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