

What's Growing On?

Miller Farms Nursery, Inc

December in the Garden

December 2009



Feed the Birds

Providing birdseed and suet to wild birds helps them survive the tough winter months ahead. Place a variety of feeders (platforms for larger birds and "tube" types for the smaller ones) in a spot protected from wind and predators (especially cats) and near a window where you can secretly view them.

Winter Showers

December, Through February are the months to apply dormant spray. The sulfur/oil combination will help control over-wintering insects and diseases on deciduous fruit and ornamentals. We recommend that dormant sprays be applied three times during the winter, with the first application being made in December after leaf

fall, the second about the time the new growth buds begin to break-open, and the 3rd after petal fall. Read the label for dilution rates.



Pruning Look for breaks in the weather to do some winter pruning. Choose as sunny a day as is possible this time of year. Prune to remove dead and diseased wood and to shape the plant. Don't forget to step back away from the tree often to view your work. We will offer pruning classes in January & February.



Plant Artichokes now! Artichokes grow

great in our climate, but you do need to protect them from pesky gophers. We have the nicest roots for sale this year and they will produce 'chokes' by next summer. Plant in full sun on the coast. Set the roots about 6 inches deep in well drained soil. A mound works great. If you have gophers you will need to plant in a gopher basket. Water weekly in the summer. Feed with Dr. Earth Vegetable fertilizer in the spring.



Bare-root roses are arriving in early December. Lots of exciting new varieties this year.

New Moon to Full Moon Sale Dec. 16th-31st



People have been planting by the moon's phases for centuries, in the belief that something in the lunar light or gravity affects the way plants grow. Some of the gardening chores you can do during the December's "New Moon Phase" (increasing light of the moon) are: Repot and groom houseplants, graft fruit trees, plant evergreen and deciduous trees.

All 4" and 6paks 30% off

All Trees and shrubs 30% OFF (with many trees marked up to 50% Off)

Sale section is still 75% off

All Celestial Giftware 20%

12 Days of Christmas Daily Specials

Each Day we will add a new item that will stay on sale until the 24th

Dec. 11th 20% OFF Living Xmas Trees

Dec. 12th 20% OFF All Pottery

Dec. 14th 20% OFF Wind Chimes

Dec. 15th 20% OFF Candles (Beanpod and Northern Lights Tapers)

Dec. 16th 20% OFF All Cement Statuary

Dec. 17th 20% OFF All Citrus Trees and Hostess Gift Sets

Dec. 18th 20% OFF All Camellia and Rhododendrons

Dec. 19th 20% OFF All Gardening Gloves

Dec. 21st 20% OFF All Books

Dec. 22nd 20% OFF All Lotions, Soaps, and Personal Care Products

Dec. 23rd 20% OFF Slogger Rain boots

Dec. 24th 20% OFF All Kids toys and Kids Gardening Tools

What's New in the Nursery

We are very excited to be offering a new to us line of pruners from Bahco. They offer professional quality pruners, saws, loppers and related gardening products. **Bahco** (formerly Sandvik pruners) is widely regarded as the best pruning tools for

landscapers and gardeners alike. Pruning tools from Bahco make an excellent gift for the gardener on your Christmas gift list. A pair of Bahco pruners can last a lifetime and will make your avid gardener very happy.

