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Winter is Prime Time to Work on Landscaping

BY SAM FARE
WTC GLT INSTRUCTOR

The dead of winter may seem like a time of rest for many gardeners, but actually this is a prime season to take care of many important tasks in the landscape. The chores that will result in better health and appearance of lawns and landscape include pruning, trimming, weed control, and mulching.

Trees and shrubs can easily be pruned while they are dormant. The extended drought we have suffered has taken its toll on many trees. Start by removing dead and diseased limbs, then prune to open and shape the canopy.

Many trees may be beyond recovery and should be removed entirely. One practice that is strongly discouraged is "heading back", cutting major limbs to resemble stubs. This results in a flush of thick brushy growth that creates weak branches and other problems. Pruning cuts should be made flush with the branch collar, a ring of tissue that is evident at the point where the branch and trunk connect. By leaving the branch collar



intact, healing of the cut takes place much faster than with a "flush cut" that removes the collar and part of the trunk. Stub cuts that leave a short piece of limb are also bad, since they do not heal properly, and provide an avenue for rot and disease to enter the heart of the tree. Modern arboricultural science does not recommend painting the pruning cuts with any sort of pruning paint or sealer.

Shrubs in the landscape will benefit from pruning at this time as well. Many roses such as hybrid teas, which bloom on new wood, should be cut back now. Other shrubs that bloom on old wood, such as Indian Hawthorn, should not be trimmed until after they bloom. Overgrown shrubs and hedges can be cut back to restore their intended size and shape. In some cases it may be best to remove poorly performing plants and replace them with better-suited varieties.

Ground covers and herbaceous plants will benefit from trimming now. Monkey Grass or Liriope, popular as a border planting, will look better next summer if the existing leaves are trimmed off before new growth comes on. This is easily done with a string-trimmer, and while things may look bare for a while, the results will be evident later in the season.

Many ground covers such as Asian Jasmine and Vinca also benefit from trimming and thinning, which can be done with a string trimmer or lawn mower set on the highest setting. Other ground covers like English Ivy and Wintercreeper Euonymus will benefit from trimming to keep them in the juvenile growth stage.

Even though lawns may be dormant, this is an excellent time to perform some valuable maintenance on the turf. Dormant Bermuda Grass can be sprayed with contact weed killers containing Glyphosate to eliminate existing winter weeds. In other cases different herbicides may be used as well.

To prevent many summer weeds, a pre-emergent herbicide can be applied to lawns before those weeds have the opportunity to germinate. Fertilizing of Bermuda lawns should be delayed until warm weather has brought the grass out of dormancy and into full growth. Fescue lawns can be lightly fertilized through the cool part of the year, with less applied in summer heat. Scalping is no longer recommended unless you are planning to reseed your lawn.

Much can be done now to get gardens and shrub beds in better health. Shrubs should not be fertilized until danger of frost is past, since a sudden freeze can kill back tender new growth and damage the plant.

Beds can be cultivated now, however, and soil amendments such as gypsum or iron worked in. A good mulch applied now will help retain moisture, cool the soil, and reduce weeds.

Do not pile the mulch against the trunks of shrubs or trees. Gardens and planting beds can be cultivated now, and a good dose of compost worked in. Speaking of compost, this is an excellent time to start a compost pile, using leaves, ground tree and shrub trimmings, vegetable wastes, manure, grass clippings, etc. Compost is a wonderful soil builder and natural fertilizer that benefits any part of the landscape.

This cool time of the year is ideal for planting new trees and shrubs. Hardy, well-adapted plants will be able to establish a root system before the demands of summer stress set in. Planting holes should be no deeper than the original root ball, but at least twice the diameter of the pot or root ball.

Plant so that the union of root and trunk are not covered with soil. The rule of thumb here is "Plant it high-it won't die. Plant it low, it ain't gonna grow!" The current practice is to backfill the planting hole with native soil, adding only a bit of compost or slow-release fertilizer. Water thoroughly to eliminate any air pockets, and build a small dam at the edge of the pit to facilitate watering for the first year. A good layer of mulch will help the new tree or shrub get established. Stake only as needed to prevent wind damage.

Put on your coat, grab some tools, and get outside! Both you and your landscape will benefit from some activity now!



Let's See What Develops

By
Dennis Noblett, Director of Development

We're Name-Dropping!
There is no Lone Ranger in Development work.

I am reminded of this as Western Texas College currently labors on its third TRIO Federal Grant application, that I need to publicly commend those individuals and entities outside of WTC personnel that wrote letters of support necessary for our second application, the Upward Bound Grant.

These are in no particular order, but all equally appreciated:

1. Joyce McIntire, Texas Work Commission, Snyder
2. Cindy Nix, Scurry County Health Unit
3. Terri Rawls, Director, S.T.A.R. Boot Camp
4. Larry Thompson, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Scurry and Borden Counties.
5. Larry Scott, Principal, Snyder High School
6. Janell Jones, Counselor, Snyder High School
7. Valene Ford, Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA)
8. Dr. Cheryl Sparks, President, Howard College, Big Spring
9. Dan Dever, Scurry County Veterans Service Office
10. Dana Smith, Texas Tech Office of Admissions
11. Jane Romine, Scurry County Library
12. Nancy Mayo, Mitchell County Library
13. Mark Whitmire, Scurry County Youth Outreach, Inc.
14. Johnny McGregor, Princi-

15. Suzanne Hudman, Counselor, Post High School
16. Tommy Bearden, Region XIV Education Service Center
17. Janey Burke, Principal, Colorado High School
18. Kim Anderson, Counselor, Colorado High School
19. Darren Jackson, Scurry County Sheriff's Office
20. Jerry Marshall, Mayor, City of Rotan
21. John DeLille, Development Corporation of Snyder, Inc.
22. Donna Fowler, Snyder Chamber of Commerce
23. Counselors Jan Baker, Rose Mary Paty and Linda Maikell of Sweetwater High School
24. Bob Spikes, Principal, Rotan High School
25. Tricia Spikes, Counselor, Rotan High School
26. David Hargrove, Superintendent, Rotan I.S.D.
27. Dr. Karl Mahan, Coordinator of Distance Learning
28. Ricky Fritz, (former) Scurry County Judge
29. Shirley Fritz, (formerly of) Scurry County Services, Inc.
30. Jeffrey Martin (formerly of) American State Bank
31. David Counts (former) State Representative

Development is a team effort and not an "individual sport". WTC could not have completed the Upward Bound Grant application without these helpful people listed above. Why, even the Lone Ranger had Tonto!



Sarah and Robbie Jamison are the new owners of *The Auto Clinic* (formerly *Davenport's Auto Clinic*) located at 405 26th Street (behind *Skinny's* on 25th Street/E. Hwy. 180). As WTC Business Partners, they are offering a free travel inspection and 15% discount on parts for any job to the 1000+ WTC students and employees who show them their WTC ID card. If you would like to retain and increase your business, contact Dennis Noblett, Director of Development, at 574-8511, ext. 248.

"The Nerd" Opens Jan 23



The Western Texas College Fine Arts Department proudly presents "The Nerd," directed by Chris Shoemake, January 23 through 26 in the Fine Arts Theatre. Call 573-8511 ext. 234 today for reservations.

This outrageous comedy, *Shue's* first full-length play, is set in Terre Haute, Indiana, where an architect, besieged by other personal problems, is visited by "the nerd," the man who saved his life in Vietnam.

The nerd wreaks havoc on the architect's life, leaving the architect with the problem of how to get rid of the nerd without hurting his feelings.

According to director, Chris Shoemake, "This is unquestionably one of the funniest plays ever written."

The Nerd passes from one hilarious moment to another as Willum tries to "out-nerd" his sanity-destroying houseguest. Insanity, however, is staved off by the surprising 'twist' ending of the play."

CAST:

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| Willum Cubbert | Jacob Brumley |
| Tansy McGinnis | Holly Gwyn |
| Axel Hammond | Michael Gonzales |
| Warnock Waldgrave | Corey Knipe |
| Clelia Waldgrave | Mandy Mitchell |
| Thora Waldgrave | Monica Rose |
| Rick Steadman | Ryan Ballard |

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