



# Dinter Nursery Newsletter

November 4th, 2022

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*Acer japonicum* 'Vitifolium' aka Full Moon Maple

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**Message from Bernie**

Summer stayed late this year and now winter is arriving. The near term forecast is for a mild arctic outflow, something we do not normally see until later in winter. Its characteristics are dry freezing easterly winds. In frozen soil plants cannot effectively replenish moisture that the dry winds are removing from the leaves resulting in damaged foliage and die back. See our comments below as to which plants are at risk and what you can do to protect them. Many of our plants are still in leaf which the freezing temperature will finish off. This will be a disappointment as we will miss the fall colour. With breaks in the weather between now and Monday, spend some time in the garden protecting the more tender varieties. You will be thankful in spring.

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## Christmas Open House + Market

We invite you to join us on **Saturday, November 26th**, as we welcome the Christmas season with our annual **Open House + Local Makers Market**. Every customer will receive a Christmas gift with any in-store purchase—a free 4 inch poinsettia to take home (limit 1 per family; while supplies last). We will also have door prizes as well as local live & cut Christmas trees and wreaths! See our [website](#) and [Facebook event](#) for more details and for the list of incredible local vendors we will be featuring!

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## Bonsai Workshop

Are you a bonsai enthusiast looking for tips on your current project, or interested in starting your own piece of living art? We are pleased to announce we are hosting a bonsai workshop on **Saturday, November 19th, between 10 am and 12 pm**. [See our event page for more information](#). Bring your bonsai specimens and questions!

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## Current Specials

November is evergreen month at the nursery and we are celebrating plants that are always green, be they indoor or outdoor!

**On Special Now** we have Evergreen Azaleas, Leatherleaf Viburnum 'Allegheny', Teddy Cedar (Thuja occ. 'Teddy') and the tropical plant Satin Pothos! For all the details see our [Sales & Promotions page on our website!](#)

For tips on how to help your tropical houseplants survive the winter, [check out our article](#).

We also have many items on **clearance**, check them out in our parking lot until the 25th of November!

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## What should I be doing in the garden now?

**Plant** garlic and spring bulbs as long as the ground is not frozen.

**Deadhead** roses and hydrangeas but leave the structural pruning for early spring. Shrub roses that produce attractive hips can be left for winter colour and wildlife feeding.

**Sheer** hedging and formal conifers for a tidy look over the winter. Tie up columnar evergreens to keep the branches together during heavy snow.

**Rake** leaves off the lawn to avoid smothering the grass, but leave leaves in garden beds as mulch.

**Mulch Mulch Mulch!** A mulch is any layer of material applied to the surface of soil. Mulch can be organic (e.g. leaves, bark) or inorganic (e.g., landscape fabric). Applying mulch to your garden beds for the winter is the best thing you can do to improve your soil health and protect plant roots for the winter. [Read more about the benefits of mulching in our article!](#)

**Apply Lime.** Fall is the best time to apply lime to give it time to work into the soil over winter. For all the dirt on lime, [check out our article.](#)

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## Our Thanksgiving gratefulness draw

Over the Thanksgiving long weekend we had a gratefulness draw where customers had the opportunity to write down something they were grateful for and enter to win one of three \$40 gift cards! Congratulations to our three prize winners Donna, Michael and Priscilla, who were grateful for company of family + friends, turkey and being alive in the sunshine! Other answers from entrants included health, nature, weather, pets, worms, Macintosh apples, a greenhouse full of tomatoes, the caregivers of beloved family members.

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## Customer FAQ: Which plants should I protect from freezing temperatures and how should I protect them?

Plants that are hardy to minus 25 degrees Celsius do not need protection from the coming freezing temperatures. Less hardy foliage plants can be protected from temperature extremes by insulating with crop cover, fabric, tarps or plastic film. Use stakes to hold up the fabric or tarps to avoid crushing plants. Snow is a natural insulator of plants if it arrives before the severe temperatures.

Plants in containers are more sensitive to freezing temperatures as their roots are less insulated in a pot than they would be in the ground. Potted plants that are hardy to minus 5 should be moved to a protected area such as the side of a heated building or unheated indoor space as they can lose up to 10 degrees of hardiness by living in a pot. If moving the pot to a protected location is not an option,

both the plant and the pot should be covered by fabric or a tarp. If the plant is tender, add a small heat source or incandescent light under the cover. Once temperatures return to zero, these covers should be removed as leaving the plants covered can cause other issues.

Harvest all summer vegetables whether ripe or not. The freezing weather will finish them off. All tree fruit and Kiwi must be harvested, they will not survive freezing temperatures. Cover winter vegetable such as carrots, beets, chard, mustards, kale and other brassicas.

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## **Winter Hours**

We are now open **every day from 9 am to 5 pm.**

We will be **closed** on November 11th for Remembrance Day.

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**Thank you for reading this message! We look forward to seeing you at Dinter Nursery soon.!**

Sincerely,  
— Bernie, Tamara & the Dinter Nursery team



Photo: Join our [bonsai workshop](#) November 19th from 10 am to 12 pm!

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## CURRENT HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday- Sunday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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