

PLANT RANCH NURSERY

THINGS TO DO IN NOV & DEC

- 1. FERTILIZE.** Complete fertilizers cannot be applied this late in the year in North Florida. However, you can treat lawns with pre-emergent herbicides to prevent crabgrass from germinating in Mid-December.
- 2. PLANTING.** Install landscape plants now, as they will develop their root system before the warm weather of next spring. Now is the time.
- 3. LAWN CARE.** Mow your lawn, but only cut 1/3 of the growth.
- 4. PLANT CARE.** Pine straw is good for protecting your cold sensitive bedding plants. Be sure to water your plants 24 to 48 hours before the freeze.
- 5. CITRUS.** If a freeze is predicted below 28 degrees, to last for 4 hours or more, be sure to harvest ripened fruit. Younger trees can be protected from the cold by banking clean sand around the trunk, just above the graft union.
- 6. DECIDUOUS PLANTS.** Since deciduous plants are dormant, now is a good time to prune any diseases or dead wood from them. Remember, do not prune your flowering trees and shrubs, as you will cut off their buds.
- 7. SCALE PROBLEMS.** Horticultural Oil or Dormant Oil is good to use for scale problems, as it will not damage the plants. When spraying, be sure to spray the upper and under side of the surface of the leaves. Hollies and Camellias will often have tea scale. Be sure to spray.