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All Gardening

1. Have a colorful winter yard! Our exquisite *sasanqua camellias* are in bud and bloom now, plus we have *primroses*, *cyclamen*, *pansies*, *ornamental kale*, plants with bright red ornamental berries, and so much more!

2. Decorate your entryway and patio with one of our gorgeous decorative pots filled with blooming flowers. Accent the flowers with a plant that has interesting leaves. Ask us to point out what to use.

3. Plant our fragrant *paperwhite narcissus* and *amaryllis* for indoor blooms and Christmas gifts.

Pampered Poinsettias



The original wild poinsettias only kept their color for a few weeks. With proper care, current varieties will stay beautiful throughout the holidays, and well into the dreary winter months ahead, which makes them an ideal gift or festive decoration!

Poinsettias flourish in strong, indirect sunlight. If your fingers don't cast a strong shadow, you'll need to give your plants more light so they will last longer.

The temperature should not exceed 72°F during the day, nor should it fall below 50°F at night. Remember to keep poinsettias away from radiators and ventilating ducts.

Water stress will cause leaf shedding even after a brief period of time. Both lack of water, and being overly saturated, cause severe stress. Every three days, check to see if the soil is moist 1-inch deep, and water when the soil feels dry. Water should be allowed to drip out of the container. VERY IMPORTANT—poke a hole in foil-wrapped poinsettias so the excess water can drain out.



Everyone Loves Garden Gifts

Make your shopping easier by giving this newsletter to someone special and asking them to check ✓ what they want the most. Or YOU can check ✓ what you want, and give this newsletter to Santa!

- c Pruning tools
- c Garden statuary & ornaments
- c Christmas flags
- c Decorative pottery (ask for planting ideas!)
- c Colorful Mexican Talavera pottery
- c Birdhouses and bird feeders
- c Garden gloves - plain & fancy
- c Paperwhite narcissus
- c Outdoor thermometers
- c Artistic stepping stones
- c Iron trellises & arbors
- c Sunset Western Gardening Book
- c Baker's racks
- c Citrus trees
- c Roses



Consider Giving a Gift Certificate!

Poway Nursery's gift certificates are perfect if the gardener on your Christmas list would enjoy picking out his or her own gift, or if you are not sure what to give.

And remember, gift certificates make great stocking stuffers and can be purchased for any amount!

Protecting Cold-Tender Plants



Safeguard your tender plants from cold winter nights by covering with our *N-Sulate frost cloth*. Another technique to keep larger plants warm on especially cold nights is to wrap plants with small Christmas lights (turn on at night), and then cover. Move cold-sensitive potted plants under trees, porches, or roof hangings—the southern side of the house is often slightly warmer because the south wall absorbs more heat during sunny days. Surrounding a plant with five-gallon plastic pails filled with water can also help raise the temperature slightly.

Of course, many people simply spray their cold-tender plants with our *Cloud Cover* to protect them.

FREE Christmas Drawing!

COME IN AND REGISTER for a Chance to Win One of the Ten (count 'em—TEN!)

\$50.00 POWAY NURSERY GIFT CERTIFICATES!

Drawing to be held Saturday, December 22, 2007.

There Really Are Lawn Police!

We can all appreciate that sense of joy and satisfaction when viewing our beautifully maintained lawns. Have you ever wished that you could call the police to complain about your neighbor's brown lawn and foot-high weeds?

Evidently you can in Orem, Utah, where failing to properly maintain your landscape violates the city zoning ordinances. According to news reports, there were 11 cases filed between April and September this year. One recent arrest of a 70-year-old woman resulted in her being handcuffed and hauled away.

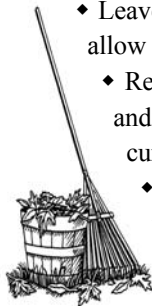
Funny, I suddenly feel inspired to go out and do some yardwork!



Those Fall Leaves

It's actually OK (if you don't find it unattractive), to allow some leaves to accumulate in plantbeds, borders, and groundcovers. The leaves will decay and add nutrients to the soil, and act as a mulch. But always remove leaves in the following cases:

- ◆ Leaves can smother your lawn, so never allow them to accumulate on your grass.
- ◆ Remove leaves and debris under fruit and nut trees to help prevent peach leaf curl and blossom-end rot.
- ◆ Get rid of fallen camellia flowers to help prevent flower blight.
- ◆ Remember that snails, slugs, and earwigs like to winter in moist leaves, so if you have these pests, keep leaves raked up.



Ornamental Grass Care

Never cut back ornamental grasses while green, as they are still harvesting energy to store in their roots. Grasses, browned by cold weather, add appeal to fall and winter gardens, and need not be cut back unless they pose a fire hazard. In early March, cut them back to a few inches above the base. Be sure to divide grasses when they develop bare centers, or outgrow their area—early spring is the best time to do this.

Celebrating the Holidays With Fruit

Fresh winter fruits from your garden are a healthy snack and a welcome alternative for high-fat appetizers at holiday parties. Use fresh fruit to make festive party trays and colorful gift baskets. Fruit compliments cheese, and can be served with white, blush wines, or champagne.

✿ D'Anjou, Bosc and Comice pears are delicious served with Bleu and Cheddar cheese.

✿ Pomegranate's deep red seeds add sparkle and crunch to salads.

✿ Enjoy a Fuyu persimmon—it's like a crisp apple with the sweetness of a pear.

✿ Kiwi's bright green flesh with rows of small, black, edible seeds is attractive in salads as well as a finger food.

✿ Kumquats resemble a miniature orange and can be eaten whole. The pulp is tart while the peel is sweet.



Creamy Pumpkin & Potato Soup

Your guests will think you spent hours in the kitchen with this quick and delicious recipe!

1 can condensed cream of potato soup	1 tsp. salt (or to taste)
1¼ cups water	¼ tsp. ground blk pepper (or to taste)
15oz. fresh pumpkin puree (or canned)	½ tsp. garlic powder (or to taste)
1 cup cream	1 pinch paprika (for garnish)
½ tsp. powdered ginger	1 cup seasoned croutons (optional)

Over medium heat, combine cream of potato soup, water, pumpkin, and cream in a saucepan. Add salt, pepper, garlic, and ginger. Stir until blended, and bring to a simmer. Reduce heat, and let simmer for 15 minutes.

Remove from heat, and pour into bowls. Sprinkle with paprika, and top with seasoned croutons. Serves 4.

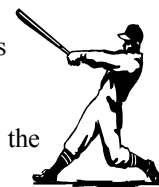
Garden Trivia!

★ The Grand Champion winner at the 2007 Miami International Orchid Show was a 200 pound yellow goblin orchid with an astonishing 1,050 flowers. This plant is 20 times the average size of the species, *Dendrobium spectabile*.

★ In order to keep cool, Babe Ruth placed a cabbage leaf under his cap. He replaced it every two innings.

★ More tulips are grown around Mt. Vernon, Washington, than in the entire country of Holland.

★ Mayflower colonists baked whole pumpkins in the ashes of a fire. The pumpkin was divided, flavored with animal fat and maple syrup, and served.



Thank you, our loyal customers,
for allowing us to help make your garden and landscaping
gorgeous and productive this year.
We wish you and yours a heartfelt Season's Greetings,
and Peace and Happiness in the coming year!