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*Helping you to realize your  
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*Dear friends,*

Soon the nursery goes to sleep! The plants are tucked away, the deer fences are in place, the houses are covered, and we are pretty tired and looking to a little rest! We will be closing for the season after 4PM on Saturday Dec 19th.



We are still busy looking through our catalogs, placing orders for next spring, and planning the annual trip to the West Coast. Which reminds me - if you are interested in

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something special, give us a call or email us at [sales@orientalgardensupply.com](mailto:sales@orientalgardensupply.com) to let us know what you are looking for.



We have been making our way around the nursery and getting things all ready for the winter to come. Are your gardens ready? Taking good care of your plants over the winter is something you should be thinking about. Remember to make sure that the plants you purchased this year are well-hydrated. With the warm weather we have had lately, the plants are still growing! We also have some items such as deer repellent and trunk guards to help with critter protection. If you have any questions about what to do for specific plants, please give us a call or drop us an email.



As you are getting ready for the holidays, don't forget about the **Oriental Garden Supply Gift Certificate** - available in all sizes, guaranteed to please any recipient, particularly if you are not sure what they would like. Right now you can get them at the nursery or, if you are running late, you can purchase a downloadable certificate right on the [website](#)! No need to trek out to the nursery. Purchase for a gift recipient or for yourself, and use them at the nursery or for your online order! Great deal!

We encourage you to come visit us at the nursery before we close at 4 PM on Saturday, December 19th. We look forward to helping you finish your gift list here at OGS!

Happy Holidays,

Al Pfeiffer, Owner  
Oriental Garden Supply

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### **Protecting your plants for winter**

Our climate zone often requires that we take extra measures to protect our plants over the harsh winter. Last year's winter should be a reminder that we cannot be lax about this! Selecting plants that are hardy to our area is the first step, along with making sure

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that the plant goes into winter with enough moisture to fend off the drying winter winds. Keep watering those new plants until the ground freezes!

Here at the nursery, we have polyhouses to protect the tenderest of our plants, but out in your landscape you may need to use other means to protect your investment from the elements. Correct siting, windbreaks, and temporary protective barriers such as burlap screens, hinged wooden covers, and newer products such as Shrub Coat will help. Certain plants may benefit from the spray application of antidesiccants, but never use them on *Chamaecyparis* (Hinoki or other false cypresses) or *Thuja* (arborvitae) since the waxy coating prevents transpiration in these plants.



Paper or plastic tree wraps are helpful in preventing sunscald on thin-barked plants such as Japanese maples. They are also useful in reducing damage to susceptible young tree trunks from deer, rabbits, moles, and other animals. Liberal use of fencing or sprays or granular applications of critter repellents like Plantskydd in later winter months can also help remove your plants from their dinner menu.

We want your plants to survive and provide a great deal of joy and beauty for you for many years to come so if you have any questions on how to protect specific plants, please give us a call.

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**Want a special plant?**

Remember this scene from the nursery this fall? Amazing colors!



Now it sort of looks like this except the last of the trees are carefully tucked away!



Planting anything around here now is fairly risky without adequate protection. In addition, we have suspended shipping for the winter. But what if you had a plant or two in mind that you were hoping to get your hands on? If you have a particular variety in mind and we don't currently have it in stock, let us know (use the [contact form](#) on the website, try calling the nursery at 585.586.3850, or email us at [sales@orientalgardensupply.com](mailto:sales@orientalgardensupply.com)). Al will keep an eye out while perusing his catalogs or on his buying trip to the Northwest in mid-winter.

Reminder: We are in the midst of completing our inventories and should have the listings updated before long, but you can check the website for our current availabilities. If you register as a customer, you can also download the complete availability listing in either Excel or pdf format from the link under the Resources tab at the top of the webpage to review at your leisure.

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### **Top Gift Ideas from OGS**

1. Gift certificates - For yourself or someone else, buy them at the nursery until Saturday, or online [here](#). Then, use it either for online purchases or at the nursery!



2. Carved granite lantern or fountain or bench - a beautiful addition for your garden.



3. Stocking stuffers like granite owls or fantasy birds



4. Basalt fountain or other accessories for your water feature



5. And if you can't make up your mind - how about a gift certificate? See idea #1. Come out to the nursery, email or give us a call. We would love to help you finish your shopping!

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Hours: 9AM to 4 PM, open until Saturday Dec 19th at 4PM

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