

Garden Notes

January 2023



Citrus Cold Damage

Even though citrus plants are showing varying stages of freeze damage, don't prune anything until spring or even summer. We need to wait for growth to resume to see what is damaged wood. We may see some citrus plant death in our area but we need to be sure before pruning.



Palm Damage

Not all palms that are grown in the area are cold hardy. Your Pygmy date palms may have been killed by the December freezing temperatures. For other palm species, don't prune fronds that have any green remaining until later in the year. Plants need those leaves for food and stored nutrients.



Mahonia 'Marvel'

Mahonia x media 'Marvel' is an evergreen plant that does not take over a landscape. Plants grow upright to about 6 feet and 4 feet wide. The compound leaves are spaced along the stems and provide a nice layered look. There is a point at the tip so install a little away from walkways.

Yellow blooms occur in winter and are visited by bees, followed by blue berries for the birds.

Mahonia is low maintenance once established.