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Our offices will be closed Dec. 24-26 for Christmas. Have a great Holiday!



HAVE A MERRY MOWIN' CHRISTMAS!

# Prime's Clippings

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Happy Holidays !!

As 2011 winds down, we look back at the most challenging year we have ever seen for north Texas gardens. We started with record setting freezes and ice storms followed by the hottest, driest year on record. Yet through all of this, thanks to you, our loyal clientele, we have come through in good spirits and with high expectations for 2012 to be a great year. We wish all of you adequate rains, mild temperatures, and all the best in the coming year!

## Merry Christmas from all of us at Prime Landscape !

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# Winter Interest in the Garden

Some of us truly love winter, especially the mild type that we usually see here in north Texas. We have ample opportunities to enjoy our outdoor spaces, but with the dormant season it can be challenging to maintain attractive, interesting settings.

Hollies and nandinas are often taken for granted, but in winter they can be big players with glossy green or red foliage and red berries, and of course they are a summer



*Nandina domestica*

landscape staple as well. Several shrubs will bloom during the winter months. Include a few quince, camellia, mahonia, and winter flowering honeysuckle for periodic flowers. Certainly pansies and violas are the stars of winter, and an over-seeded lawn of lush rye grass really sets off flowers and shrubs.

A water feature such as a fountain or waterfall entices the

senses year-round, and brings a special excitement during hard freezes when impromptu ice sculptures form.

The outdoor living craze has brought the element of fire back into the landscape in a variety of forms, from fireplaces to fire pits to chimineas. Now is the time to really make use of these accessories.

And lastly, consider a bird feeder to keep a stream of busy visitors coming and going.

So there you are on a brisk clear winter day, sitting next to your roaring fire pit, enjoying the splash of your waterfall and your colorful flowers, watching the cedar waxwings clean the berries off your mahonia bushes.

Fill your yard *and* your life with interest!



*Cedar wax wing*

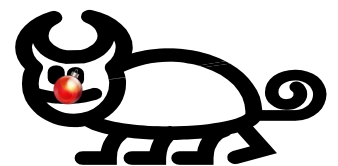
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## Get Your Gardens Ready For Winter

Yes, I know the last two months of the year fly by before you know it, but don't forget to leave time for a few important gardening chores. Here are a few of the big ones to keep in mind.

- Wrap palm trees before any severe freezes occur, though this still may not save less hardy types like Mexican Fan from the kind of freezes we had last year. ( Next time plant Windmill palm!)
- Prune dormant perennials like lantana after the first hard freeze.
- Cut down tropical or zone 9 plants like banana trees and esperanza and cover with mulch.
- Clean gutters, keep leaves mulched or picked up, and plant tulips and daffodils.



**Randolph the red nosed Chichbug**

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## December Chores:

- Prune dormant perennials
- Clip fresh red berries from hollies, nandina, and pyracantha
- Finish leaf clean-ups
- Transplant shrubs and trees
- Insulate outdoor hose bibs
- Plant Spring bulbs