

NOVEMBER 2023 HORTICULTURE REPORT

- Begin growing your paperwhites and other forced bulbs for the holidays this month.
- Better get your tender new trees protected from rabbits and rodents. They will kill the tree by eating the bark. I lost a new flowering cherry to mice and rabbits over the winter. Check online for hardware cloth tree wraps.
- If it has been dry, water the yard well. Plants need to go into winter well hydrated.
- Begin to put mulch down after the ground begins to freeze. Remember, mulch is to keep in the cold so the plant doesn't break dormancy in a January thaw!
- Check the plants that you brought in for bugs and use insecticidal soap if you need to. I find that cutting the plant way back and stripping off many leaves helps me to control the pests.
- Clean and sharpen tools. Put them away for the winter.
- Clean and store pots. If you can't bring them in, tip them upside down so they don't freeze and crack.
- Cover the compost pile so winter rains don't wash out all the nutrients.