

# Outdoor Winter Arrangements



Looking for a great way to spruce up your entryway for the holiday season? Use your permanently placed summer-annual/fall mum containers and window boxes to create simple and attractive arrangements. These eye catchers will add beauty and color throughout winter.

- Cut off the tops of the summer annuals or fall plantings, leaving the roots intact. The root mass will help serve as an anchor for the arrangement.
- Cut some white pine and/or spruce branches that offer about two feet of greenery. Remove the branchlets from the bottom 6 to 8 inches of each branch. (Note: Soak the branches in warm water containing Wilt Pruf for 24 hours before placing them in the arrangement.)
- Push the bottoms of the branches into the potting soil in the container. Position the branches to create an evergreen base.
- Add a few small branches of red twig dogwood, curly willow or Harry Lauder's Walking Stick. If you want to harvest these

from your yard, wait until the first hard freeze so that the red color on the red twig dogwood has had a chance to develop.

- Add several sprigs of sumac, holly, incense cedar, China berry, pepper berry, protea, podded eucalyptus, silver oregonia or other decorative branches for more contrast.
- You can also nestle fruits and pomegranates on the tops of the greens in your window boxes.

In the spring remove the branches and plant annuals in fresh potting soil.

## Hanging Arrangements

Follow these same steps using your hanging baskets from spring and summer to create festive additions to your porch or deck.

