



## Seasonal Spotlight

Field Notes from BioWorks



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### Overwintering Protection

#### The earlier the better! Treat your woody ornamentals and perennials before dormancy.

Overwintering plants naturally makes them susceptible to stress. Temperature, moisture and light changes are typical causes for stress, which can make plants particularly vulnerable for insects and pathogens to gain a foothold. *Fusarium*, *Rhizoctonia* and *Pythium* are common root diseases that can attack during this time and devastate your crop. And making chemical fungicide applications to covered crops is difficult, if not impossible.



#### Prevention is your best bet!

Prior to covering, treating your plants with RootShield® will protect roots from pathogens that cause common root diseases such as *Fusarium*, *Rhizoctonia* and *Pythium*. Keeping them healthy under cover will make them stronger and healthier when they come out of dormancy in the spring.

#### RootShield Winter Maintenance for Perennials:

*(Provides protection to root system for up to 3 months!)*

- » Thoroughly drench plant's roots using a solution containing Rootshield WP at a rate of 4 oz per 100 gallons
- OR
- » Pot your perennials into a mix containing RootShield Granules incorporated at a rate of 1.25 – 1.5 lb per cubic yard.
- » Every 3 months, drench the plant's roots using RootShield WP at a rate of 2 oz per 100 gallons.

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