

Keep Holiday Greens Looking Their Best

by Melinda Myers



When outdoor temperatures are cooler, green arrangements, like this winter container garden, last much longer than indoor displays. (Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com)

Wreaths, door swags, garlands, and containers filled with evergreens have long been part of winter celebrations and displays. Keep them fresh and looking their best throughout the holidays with minimal effort.

Fresh greenery with pliable branches and firmly attached needles will last the longest. Check for good color and an aroma you prefer. Consider buying extra greenery and storing it in the garage or another cool location. Use these to replace any indoor greenery that is starting to brown.

Recut the bottom of the stems with a sharp bypass pruner. Totally submerge the greenery in a tub of room-temperature water overnight to help rehydrate the needles. Gently crush the cut end to allow it to better absorb moisture.

Remove the cuttings from the water and once dry, seal in the moisture by spraying the greens with an anti-transpirant, often called anti-desiccant. These products seal in moisture, reducing drying due to warm, dry air indoors and drying winds and sunlight outside.

Follow label directions for application tips and dilution rates based on what you are treating. Avoid using these on juniper berries, cedar, and blue spruce. The waxy coating that makes these look blue can be damaged by these products. Apply anti-desiccant products outdoors during the day, as light is needed to activate some

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses How to Grow Anything instant video and DVD series* and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Feds to Arizona: Stop Walking Off Mexico
Recently, the U.S. Justice Department filed a lawsuit against Arizona's Gov. Doug Ducey over the construction of an improvised border using shipping containers. The Biden Administration argued in the federal lawsuit that construction crews building their makeshift wall are trespassing on federal land. The filing asked for an immediate injunction and continuing work without proper permits or authority.

Onions for Peeling-Out Drivers
Several motorists who were speeding through a school zone on the Florida Keys Overseas

of these chemicals. Allow the treated greens to dry for two to four hours before moving them inside.

Display indoor greenery in cool locations out of direct sunlight. This reduces moisture loss and extends the life of your garland, wreaths, and arrangements.

Keep greenery away from heat sources that speed drying, decorative lights that generate heat, and flames from candles. Check the greens every few days and replace dry, brittle, and brown cuttings with fresh greens.

Outdoor greenery lasts much longer when temperatures are cooler than indoors. Further, extend their longevity by placing them in more sheltered locations, out of direct sunlight and wind where they suffer less drying. Avoid hanging wreaths and swags in front of windows in direct sunlight where the reflected light can burn the foliage. Use an anti-transpirant on outdoor greenery to help reduce moisture loss and extend your enjoyment.

Keep outdoor planters of greens looking their best throughout the winter. Keep the soil moist until it freezes when displaying spruce tips, cut holiday trees, and evergreen stems in outdoor containers. If and when the ground freezes, you can stop watering.

A bit of effort goes a long way in extending the beauty of holiday greenery.

Highway received an odorous onion as a reminder to slow down from a Monroe County sheriff's deputy dressed up as the Grinch. Drivers traveling 5 miles or more above the speed limit could choose between a traffic violation and an onion. If drivers chose the onion, they actually had to start eating part of it.

End Quote
"The two major political parties' long hold on America could be finally starting to slip, setting the stage for an exodus of disgruntled voters to the independent side of the ballot."
— Joe Battenfeld, *Boston Herald* columnist

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
Docket No. SU22C0508CA
In the Matter of
JACOB NATHANIEL PHILLIPS
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Jacob Nathaniel Phillips of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Julia Northridge Phillips.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 12, 2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 12, 2022.
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
Run Date: 12/23/2022

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI22P6019EA
Estate of
PAULINE T. HENRIKUS
Also Known As
PAULINE THERESA HENRIKUS
Date of Death: December 17, 2019
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Michael Henrikus of Watertown, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Michael Henrikus of Watertown, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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10-U Commerce Way
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Docket No. MI22P6378EA
Estate of
ELLEN SCHWAB
Date of Death: August 17, 2021
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
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The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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understand literature, with the end result being catastrophic: without the world's quality literature and its life in bookstores, we will not experience other cultures in a readable form, other than on the terms of entertainment and the internet."

DRAGONS FOREVER (4K Ultra HD) 88 Films

In *Dragons Forever*, Jackie Lung (Jackie Chan) is hired by the seedy proprietor of a chemical works to defend against an injunction filed by the owner of a fishery. The hotshot lawyer enlists the talents of acquaintances Wong Fei-Hung (Sammo Hung) and Tung Tak-Biao (Yuen Biao) to assist in the case, but finds himself romantically involved with a relative of the opposition as he struggles to maintain both professional and personal interest while upholding justice. *Dragons Forever* features three stellar martial arts stars at the top of their game.

CAN'T BE STOPPED (Blu-ray) MVDvisual

Can't Be Stopped is a rare look inside the legendary Los Angeles graffiti crew C.B.S. and their contributions to the art world, and the part they played in shaping urban culture through the late '80s and early '90s. Founded by Frost, Hex, Theory and Demo, Hollywood's own Can't Be Stopped crew emerged as one of the most influential and recognizable graffiti crews in the U.S. Since its inception in the early 1980s, the initials C.B.S. have been at the forefront of evolving graffiti art into a true and viable art form. The kinship that was forged by the crews' father figure, "Skate," created a bond of brotherhood that is the focal point of this story. C.B.S. was a surrogate family that became the buffer between these young graffiti artists and the temptations of the Hollywood streets.

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