

What to Protect from the Cold

Below is a quick guide for what plants to protect and which ones you don't need to worry about when frost or freeze is headed our way.

Protect these Plants:

- Tropical Fruit Trees: Mango, avocado, lychee, banana, papaya, sapotes, jackfruit, Barbados cherry, cherry of the rio grande and many more.
- Citrus: Lemons and limes
- Crotons
- Ti Plants
- Hibiscus
- Bougainvillea
- Princess Flower (Tibouchina)
- Allamanda
- Panama Rose
- Jatropa
- Duranta
- Firebush
- Veggies: Tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, squash (any summer veggies)
- Vines: Mandevilla, dipladenia, passion flower, pipevine, sky vine, clock vine.
- Clerodendrums
- Brazilian Cloak
- Dwarf Powderpuff
- Palms: Christmas, Foxtail, Areca, Bamboo, Fishtail and Pygmy Date
- Pentas, coleus, milkweed, blue daze and sweet potato vine
- Australian Tree Fern and staghorns
- Trees: Poinciana, orchid, jacaranda and silk floss

Don't worry about these plants:

- Low-chill fruit trees: Peach, apple, pear, plum and nectarines (they actually need cold weather).
- Other Fruits: fig, persimmon, olive, mulberry, most citrus, blueberries, grapes, blackberries, pomegranates, pecans
- Hardy Shrubs: Viburnum, Ligustrum, boxwood and indian hawthorne
- Roses
- Camellias
- Gardenias
- Juniper
- Buddleia
- Oleander
- Bottlebrush
- Azaleas (blooms may be damaged, but the plants won't be)
- Veggies: Greens, lettuce, broccoli, snap peas, chard, beets, carrots, radishes – the cold is good for these veggies
- Abelia
- Nandina
- Flax Lily
- Liriope
- Palms: Washingtonia, queen, pindo, Sylvester, canary island and European fan
- Hostas, bush daisy, strawflower, pansies and petunias
- Most ferns

