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Gardens And Warm Winters



The Midwest is experiencing an unusually warm winter and gardens are feeling the effects of these higher than normal temperatures. Our focus is on how this will impact your gardens, and what, if anything, should be done to facilitate your plants continued good health.

A few things to note:

Spring blooming bulbs may emerge early, and those that pop up through the snow like Snowdrops and Crocus may already be showing signs of life. These early bulbs are unbothered by winter's cold, so even if the blooms

experience a bit of damage if temperatures drop, the bulbs themselves will be fine.

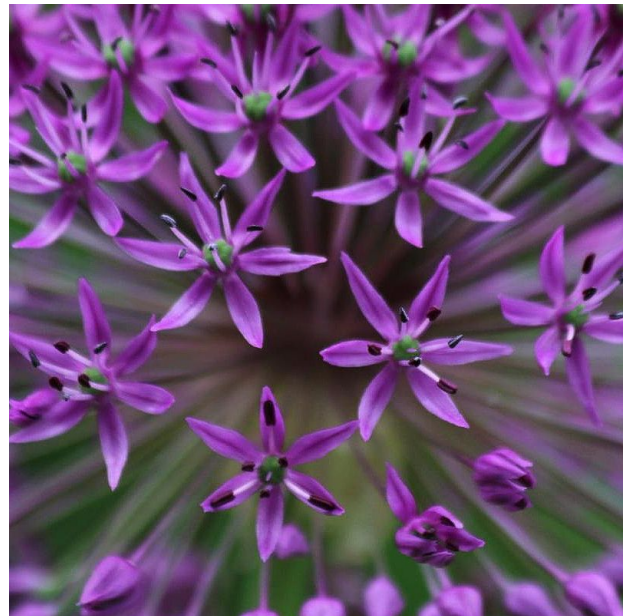
Hardy spring blooming perennials such as Bleeding Hearts and Virginia Bluebells may emerge early, and like the early bulbs, any leaf or flower buds may experience a bit a frostbite, but the plants themselves should not be affected.

Trees and shrubs are unlikely to be impacted. If there is a long or severe cold snap after an early bud break, that tender new growth may not survive. When warmer temperatures eventually level out, additional new growth will appear.

Lawns are resilient and should not be impacted by the warm winter weather. The lack of insulating snow cover could result in excessive drying out, which our team will be watching for. Treatments like pre-emergent and services like de-thatching will remain on their regular schedule.

If precipitation is low in your area, your plants may not receive the normal amount of water they require to thrive. Watering your gardens as they awaken will be important to reduce plant stress. Mulching will help this effort by retaining moisture in the ground.

Without prolonged freezing temperatures and the lack of snow cover, some pests and diseases that would normally be killed off may be more prevalent this year. Our team will be inspecting your gardens continuously for any signs of plant stress or damage, and will present recommendations for treatment as necessary.



Garden Steward Team

With regularly scheduled maintenance completed for the season, the Garden Steward team will be focused the following:

Winter pruning (as weather permits)

Plant Health Care

CLOSED UNTIL SPRING

Contact Information

Feel free to contact your Garden Steward directly with any questions or requests for service. Or contact our office 847/549-1361, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm.

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