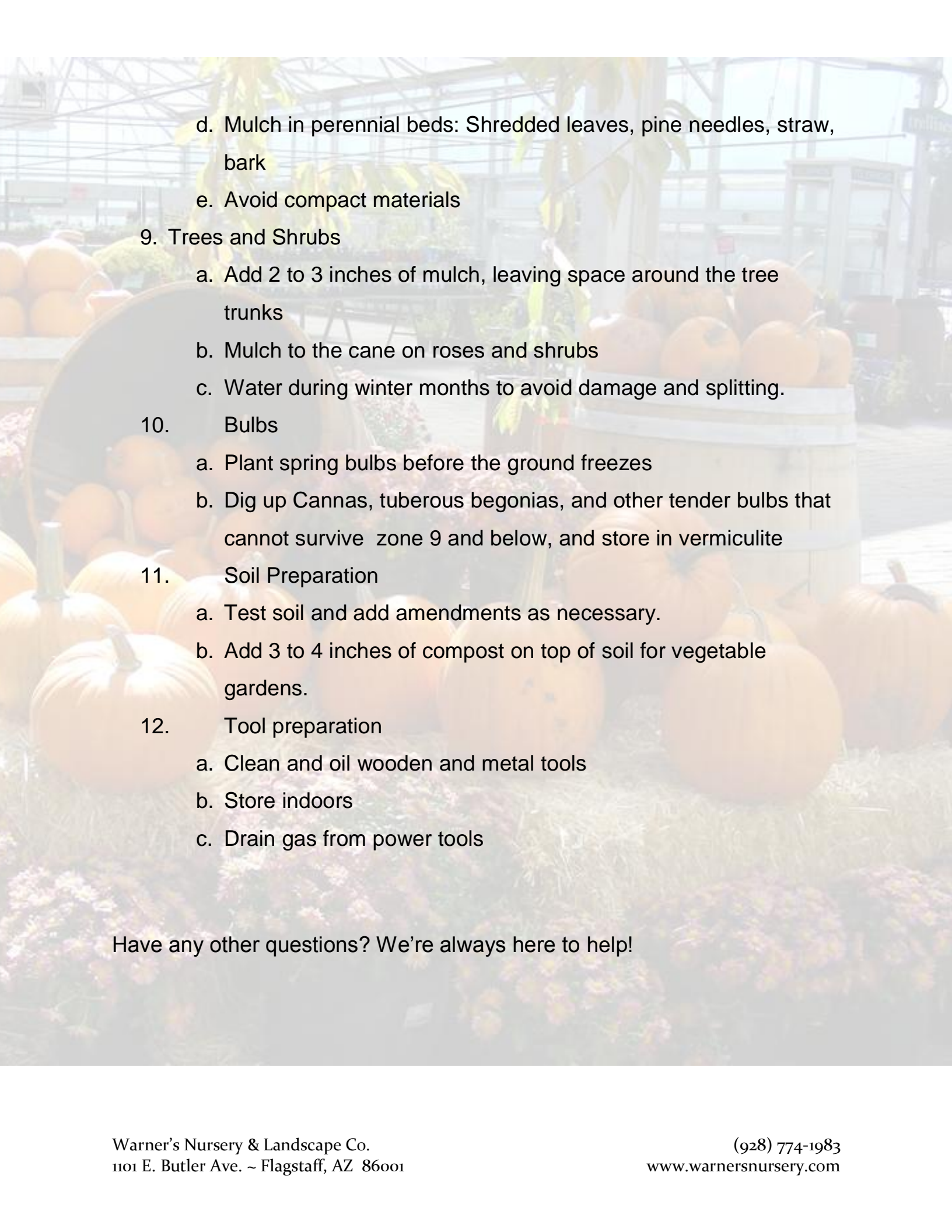


Winterizing Your Garden

Winterizing Checklist

1. Yard Preparation: rake up debris
2. Add Winterizer Fertilizer: Fertilize trees, shrubs, perennials, flower beds, and lawn.
3. Irrigation system: have your irrigation system winterized by a professional!
4. Ponds and water features
 - a. Give fish needed vitamins for hibernation
 - b. Bring pump & filter indoors
 - c. Drain excess water out of lines
 - d. Clean debris
5. Protect or bring in water features, such as bird baths and fountains
6. Potted plants
 - a. Bring in pots susceptible to weather
 - b. Insulate pots remaining out during winter
 - c. Make accessible for watering during winter months and water as needed. (Varies greatly depending on the weather).
7. Vegetable Gardens: Remove debris such as dead plants and old roots.
8. Annuals and Perennials
 - a. Remove annuals & debris
 - b. Cut back unsightly perennials slightly above ground level
 - c. Leave desirable seed heads and foliage of select perennials for contrast.

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- A greenhouse filled with pumpkins and autumn plants. The background shows a large glass and metal structure with various plants and pumpkins on display. The foreground is dominated by several large, orange pumpkins and smaller autumn-themed plants.
- d. Mulch in perennial beds: Shredded leaves, pine needles, straw, bark
 - e. Avoid compact materials
9. Trees and Shrubs
- a. Add 2 to 3 inches of mulch, leaving space around the tree trunks
 - b. Mulch to the cane on roses and shrubs
 - c. Water during winter months to avoid damage and splitting.
10. Bulbs
- a. Plant spring bulbs before the ground freezes
 - b. Dig up Cannas, tuberous begonias, and other tender bulbs that cannot survive zone 9 and below, and store in vermiculite
11. Soil Preparation
- a. Test soil and add amendments as necessary.
 - b. Add 3 to 4 inches of compost on top of soil for vegetable gardens.
12. Tool preparation
- a. Clean and oil wooden and metal tools
 - b. Store indoors
 - c. Drain gas from power tools

Have any other questions? We're always here to help!