



## **CASCADE COMPOST** **PUYALLUP, WA**

January/February in the Garden

Winter is a great time to get a good look at your landscape and see where you need to fill in or what needs to be changed.

Planting-This is an excellent time to plant fruit, flowering and shade trees. Most garden centers have plenty of stock and are continuing to get more. Since the trees are dormant it is easier to transplant them now. By adding Cascade Compost to your planting soil you are guaranteeing great results. The compost acts as extra protection against the elements. Roses can be planted now also. Make sure and add plenty of compost to ensure beautiful blooms.

WEEDS!?! Have you noticed they are everywhere? If there anything like me mine they look quite healthy and big. Pull them out now before they spread all over your landscape. Certain weeds are capable of producing thousands of seeds. Get them now you will save yourself the misery of trying to pull twice as many later.

Vegetable Garden Preparation – February is a great time to start preparing your soil. Turn under any cover crops you planted. Before you start working with the soil make sure it is dry enough. Get a big handful and squeeze. If water drips out it is still too wet. Depending on the size of your garden bed add 4 to 6 inches of Cascade Compost. Mix into your existing soil. Cascade Compost adds the much needed organic matter and microbes needed to grow healthy vegetables.

Applying 2 to 3 inches of Cascade Compost around your landscape will add vital nutrients to your soil for a successful growing season. Add fertilizers specific to shrubs and tree needs. Rhododendrons, Azaleas and Hydrangeas all need acid loving fertilizers. There are many choices at your local garden centers. I prefer Organic to keep the healthy populations alive in the soil.

Happy Gardening

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