

Watershed Protection Tip
CREEK-FRIENDLY YARD CARE TIPS FOR WINTER



There are plenty of things to do in the yard this winter that will help reduce the need for pesticides next spring.

- Spray dormant oil on the bark surfaces of pest-prone ornamental trees and shrubs. Dormant oil is non-toxic and works to kill the eggs of wintering insects. Check product labels for a list of sensitive plants, such as azaleas. And be sure not to spray on all blue-needed conifers.
- Spray a leaf protectant on hollies, rhododendrons and other broadleaf evergreen plants to protect against winter moisture loss. Spray early in the winter season when temperature is above freezing.
- Late winter (i.e., March) is a good time to overseed bare spots in lawns. This will increase turf density before weeds have time to germinate.

This Watershed Protection Tip is part of West Bradford Township's ongoing efforts to provide public education on stormwater management and the protection of our environment.