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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS,
CLIENTS AND EMPLOYEES!
I HAVE HEARD FROM ONE
OF SANTA'S ELVES THAT
SANTA HAS PLANNED
MANY CARDS AND GIFTS
WHETHER YOU'VE BEEN
NAUGHTY OR NICE. AFTER
ALL, NOBODY'S PERFECT.**

What a year we've had! The ups and downs of a recession have certainly been felt by everyone. I'm grateful for all of our loyal customers and staff who have made this year successful. Our goal for the year to come is to become even more effective in providing you with the information you need to make great decisions, to be responsive and responsible, reliable and realistic. I call these the four R's for obvious reasons (another R by the way). In that way we will provide you with the best service possible.

December gardening for a lot of the country entails shoveling snow. But in the southern states we are still trimming trees, raking up leaves and cutting the lawn. Now is not a good time to trim those shrubs that are susceptible to frost. The cuts made from trimming allow cold, freezing conditions to kill the plant back even further. Don't remove frozen stems until the possibility of more frost is over. I feel like I'm repeating myself because I say this every year, and I can hear my readers saying "tell me something I don't know." So...

MYTH: Marigolds control pest in the garden. Good observation should tell you this is not true. Japanese beetles may feed voraciously on marigold blooms, and spider mites can kill some marigold plants. The truth is marigolds may help control some nematodes. Those are toads that were formerly princes. **Just Kidding!** Nematodes are microscopic, worm-like organisms.

MYTH: watering during the day can cause leaf burn or scorch some plants. Watering during the day is inefficient because some of the water evaporates. But if you have ever burned ants with a magnifying glass, you know that you have to hold the glass away from the ant for it to work. Holding it right on the ant doesn't do anything. By the way, I've never done this; but I'd like to.