



# Betty's Bloomers Nursery

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## Tis the Season...

For Family Gatherings, Good Food, Decorations, & Choirs Singing Christmas Carols. Things can get very hectic this time of year shopping for those hard-to-buy-for friends and relatives. Make it easy on yourself and pick up a Gift Certificate from Betty's Bloomers for your gardener friends or for those "want to be" gardeners.

Poinsettias are a good gift idea for friends and neighbors and we still have a good selection in several sizes.



## What's in Season?

We have a good selection of Fruit Trees in stock now. This is the best time to plant dormant Fruit Trees such as Apples, Peaches, Pears, Plums, & Persimmons. We also have Blackberry Bushes, Grapes,

and Muscadine Grapes. We still have Citrus trees available also

Shade trees can also be planted now. Oaks, Ash, River Birch, and Cypress will get a head start if planted in the dormant season. The roots will be well established and actively growing before the stress of hot Summer drought hits. Ornamental Trees such as Crepe Myrtle, Flowering Pear, Dogwood, Redbud, and Golden Rain Tree can be planted now.

This is also a good time to plant evergreen shrubs around your house. Let Pat help plan your landscape design or update an old flowerbed. Call and set up a time for him to come look at your yard at no cost to you.

## To Do List:

Now is the time to prune dormant fruit trees. Young Peaches, Plums, Pears, and Apple trees need to have the center lead branches pruned out to encourage outward branches to grow. This will allow more sunshine to promote blooms and fruit. And you will be able to reach the fruit without a tall ladder. Also prune out "watersprouts" which are upward growing sprouts off the main branches which will not produce much fruit. Prune out any dead or

damaged limbs at this time also. If your trees are grafted, prune any sprouts below the graft or new shoots coming from the roots as this will not produce good fruit.

Clean up any dead or damaged foliage from dormant plants due to cold weather. Do not add diseased leaves to your compost pile as it can spread to other plants.

Adding mulch to tropical plants or tender perennials will help protect them from cold weather damage.

## Something Extra

It's hard to believe another year has come and gone. This has been a challenging year for us and our neighbors. We had just finished rebuilding our greenhouses from Hurricane Rita when the floods in October occurred. But we're still here and looking forward to bigger and better things in the future.

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Remember the Reason for the Season!