

Overwintering Perennials

Helpful tips when putting perennials to “bed”:

1. Trim back all plants to about 4” above soil
2. Evergreen varieties, trim only half their height or (on short varieties) not at all
Evergreen examples:
 - Lavender
 - Helleborus
 - Dianthus
 - Primula
 - Hollyhock, etc.
3. Group the same varieties of perennials together, at least 6 deep, creating a large group, 10 or more feet long.
4. Place them on the ground/stones or pavement, not on benches or skids.
Air space under pots will cause more winter damage, the freezing and thawing is harmful.
5. Covering Perennials -
Watch night temperatures, when they stay below 30 - 32 degrees, consistently cover and don't uncover till spring. Even if we have a 55 - 60 degree day, keep covered, this will keep pots cool and/or frozen.
 - Freezing and thawing is a sure kill!
 - Water dry plants before covering and about one time each month spring.