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Winter Burn on Evergreens: Why we sell Wilt Pruf & burlap.

Every landscape contractor has experienced this issue with a few clients. Mostly when the clients start walking around their yards in the spring, and see those browned areas on their fall-planted evergreens. Winter burn is caused by the plants losing more water than they can replace.



Simply put, evergreens planted late in the fall do not have a way to absorb water through their root system. The plant has had no time to root out into native soil when planted late in the fall. The plant further is hindered when the ground freezes and the available water can no longer be picked up by the plant.

The best ways to prevent winter burn are simple. Avoid planting evergreens in high wind areas, especially in the late fall. Evergreens planted in the fall need to be watered thoroughly when planted and then consistently watered until the ground freezes. And lastly, erect physical wind breaks. Burlap screening works well, as does applying Wilt Pruf. Be sure to read the Wilt Pruf label before application. There are temperature requirements for application, as well as some evergreens that cannot have Wilt Pruf applied to them.

Check out these articles published by Purdue University and the University of Minnesota for some more information on evergreen winter burn and prevention.

[**Winter Burn of Evergreens - Purdue University**](#)

[**Winter Burn on Minnesota's Evergreens**](#)

Just click on the title to visit the link.



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