

WINTER PROTECTION

FOR FROST TENDER PLANTS



EXOTIC PATIO TREES

e.g. Tibouchina, Hibiscus, Lantana, Euryops, Abutilon, Heliotrope and others.

Rewarding plants with exotic non-stop blooms but not frost hardy.

- To save over winter bring indoors to a cool bright room or heated greenhouse. Minimum 10°C (50°F).
- Water just enough to keep soil from drying out completely.
- Or...discard the plant in fall and purchase a new one in spring.

WINDMILL PALM (*Trachycarpus fortunei*)

This palm is for the most part winter hardy and is known to survive even our harshest winters with ease.

Exception: Windmill Palms in Planters

In prolonged cold periods with temperatures consistently at or below -7°C (19.4°F) Windmill Palms in planters will need winter protection.

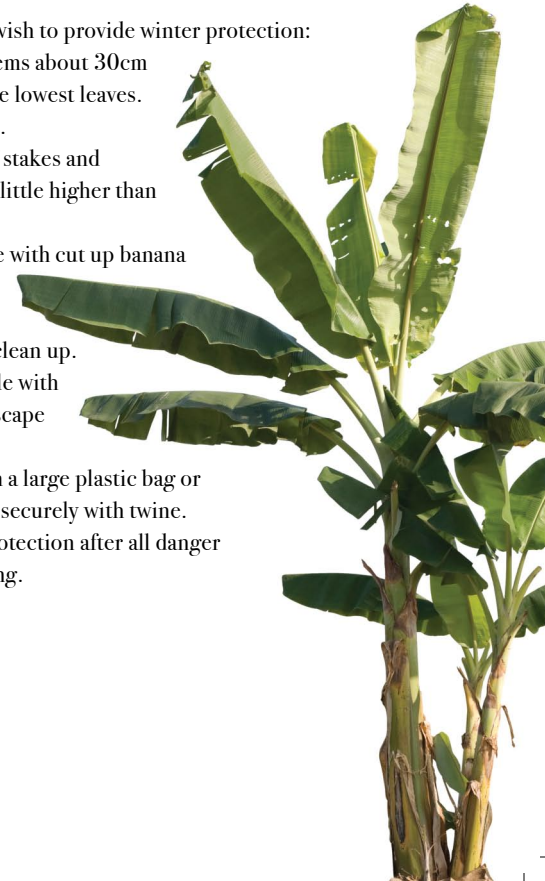
- Move planters close to the house if possible.
- Tie up fronds and wrap the top and crown with burlap or landscape cloth secured with twine.
- Put a 10-15cm (4-6") layer of mulch (bark mulch, straw, leaves) around the base of the plant.
- Insulate the container with slabs of styrafoam or build a cage of chicken wire around the pot and fill it full of bark mulch, straw or chopped leaves.
- Remove protection as soon as normal, mild winter weather resumes.

HARDY FIBRE BANANA (*Musa basjoo*)

Hardy Fibre Banana is root hardy and produces 'pups' at the base that will grow quickly to replace a winter-killed top.

However, if you wish to provide winter protection:

- Cut stem or stems about 30cm (12") below the lowest leaves. Save the leaves.
- Build a cage of stakes and chicken wire a little higher than the cut stems.
- Fill up the cage with cut up banana leaves and straw or leaves from your fall clean up.
- Cover the whole with burlap or landscape fabric.
- Cover this with a large plastic bag or small tarp. Tie securely with twine.
- Remove the protection after all danger of frost in spring.





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