

Winter Gardening Newsletter

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Button up for cold

Well, it sounds like 'it' has finally arrived.....

This is just a quick reminder that the cold spell expected in a few days is currently forecast to dip to -5 or -6 degrees C at night for a couple of days. SO get that next layer of mulch onto your winter vegetables by the end of Saturday. With those temperatures, it is important to make sure that the shoulders of all root vegetables are well covered up with leaves, straw, or other fluffy mulches. Those are also borderline temperature for injury to some leafy greens so you might want to throw a sheet of plastic or a tarp over beds of lettuce, spinach, Chinese cabbage and Swiss chard. Kale, corn salad, leeks, winter broccoli and cauliflower will be fine without covers if it doesn't get colder than that or last more than a couple of days (and you will be making sure these plants are well mulched all around the stems, covering the soil to 15 cm/6 inches deep--right?).

For those of you inquiring about my courses and talks, I have updated my schedule on my web site:

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www.saltspringenergystrategy.org