

Grimm's Goodies

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Reflection on 2010

What can I say? 2010 has been a very eventful year. We started much as we are ending—with cold winds and heavy snows. We had a dry Spring early on only to have continuous rain through July. Then, 90 degree heat 'til September! Fall was just as odd with rains late in October and leaves on the trees 'til Thanksgiving.

2010 also brought my new baby girl, Maren. She came to us in January and I have spent much of the year enjoying both of my girls as they grow and change in front

Thank You

of my eyes. My wife and I have been married 11 years and I can't believe what joy my family brings.

In October, I had a nephew that became a United States Marine! He has worked hard and I am

proud that he is helping protect our freedom. I hope to see him over Christmas as we are expecting him to be deployed to Afghanistan or Africa shortly.

Our crews worked tirelessly through the season helping to make your lawns look good. I can't tell you how hard they work every day to help this company grow. We are thankful for our clients and the work you all bring us. We are thankful for our health and we are thankful for our families. Take time this season to tell those who you are thankful for how much they mean to you.

Let it snow, Let it snow, Let it snow!

Wow, as I write this, I look outside and see lots of snow coming down and covering the ground. It is December, after all, and it is time for that pesky white stuff to invade.

Since it's that time of year, we would like to remind

you all that we offer snow services for both our residential and commercial customers.

If you would like to be on our regular plow lists, all you have to do is call and we will make sure you can get out and on your way on those cold January mornings. Until then, stay warm and enjoy

some hot cocoa.



Plant Profile—Douglas Fir

Douglas-fir is not a true fir and has been a taxonomic nightmare for those trying to settle on a genus name. After changing names on numerous occasions the present scientific name *Pseudotsuga menziesii* now uniquely belongs to Douglas-fir.



To make things even more complicated, two different varieties of the species are recognized. There is the *P. menziesii* var. *menziesii*, called coast Douglas-fir, and *P. menziesii* var. *glauca* called Rocky Mountain or blue Douglas-fir.



The unusual cone is also unique with, forked, snake-tongue-like bracts extending from each scale. The tree is one of the dominant trees in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, and up the slopes to medium altitudes. It has been transplanted successfully throughout most of the North American temperate zone.

Douglas-Fir grows 40 to 60 feet and spreads 15 to 25 feet in an erect pyramid in the landscape. It grows to more than 200 feet tall in its native habitat in the West. Hardiness varies with seed source, so be sure it was collected from an area with suitable cold hardiness to the area in which it will be used.



Douglas-Fir is most commonly used as a screen or occasionally a specimen in the landscape. Not suited for a small residential landscape, it is often a fixture in a commercial setting. Allow room for the spread of the tree since the tree looks terrible with lower limbs removed. It is grown and

shipped as a Christmas tree in many parts of the country.

The tree prefers a sunny location with a moist soil and is not considered a good tree for much of the South. Douglas-Fir transplants best when balled and burlapped and has a moderate growth rate. It tolerates pruning and shearing but will not tolerate dry soil for extended periods. Protect from direct wind exposure for best appearance. Some occasional watering in summer dry spells will help the tree stay vigorous, especially in the southern end of its range.

