(Flowering Shrubs continued)

The following chart will give you an idea of how long it takes to coax flowers on branches of trees and shrubs. Start some every 2 weeks of continous displays until spring.

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Shadblow (amelanchier)1 week
Forsythia1 week
Redbud 2 weeks
Pussy Willow 2 weeks
Privet (from an unpruned bush) 2 weeks
Spicebush 2 weeks
Magnolia
Deutzia 3 weeks
Flowering Almond 3 weeks
Honeysuckle
Bridal Wreath Spirea
Flowering Almond
Flowering Quince
Lilac
Cherry
Crabapple
Pear
Peach

Snow Time Safety

by Marty Baumann

So, the ground is frozen and all the real golfers are heading south to play for the winter. You have closed your gates and put your course to bed. Now you, your assistant and your mechanic must see if once more you all can survive those long winter months locked in your cold, tiny maintenance garage without killing each other.

Well, if you spend a few minutes right now planning ahead, the only injury in your garage this winter will probably not be an accident.

Before using the tools associated with winter maintenance like grinding, lifting, rebuilding, or painting, have your mechanic check them out to be sure they still comply with all original safety standards they came with.

Sit down with everybody in your shop who will be using the equipment and go over the operation and safety practices. It's also a good idea to use this time to check out some of the items you take for granted the rest of the year. Check out your furnace, portable heaters, hot water heaters, air compressor, hydraulic lift, and all your welding equipment.

Also, I would take the time to go over all the safety procedures with your reel and bedknife grinding.

Finally, while you are buried in your office doing your budget and your bids for next year, how about setting up your safety program. Pick a topic for each month to discuss over lunch with your men. Order some new safety signs for your shop. Set up a safety contest for your crew to start in the spring.

Keep in mind that your crew will only take safety as seriously as you do. If it's a priority in your mind and in your habits, you will have a crew that works safer, and will have safe working habits for a lifetime.





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