What Is An Anti-Transpirant And Why Should I Use One?

What Is It?
Anti-transpirants are liquids that you spray on your plants to shield them from moisture loss. Once the product is sprayed on your plants the spray dries to a clear transparent and flexible protective coating without interfering with plant growth, osmosis or photosynthesis.

Two brands of anti-transpirants are Moisture Protect™ and Wilt Pruf®. Both of these products are biodegradable!

Why Should I Use An Anti-Transpirant?
- To protect plants against cold drying winds of winter and hot drying winds of summer.
- To protect plants when their roots are frozen in the winter depriving them of their normal moisture intake as well as during periods of drought.
- To protect tender transplants while their root systems are developing. Tubers and bulbs do better in storage when first sprayed with an Anti-transpirant
- To protect and extend the life of Christmas trees and wreaths by reducing moisture loss which results in needle drop.

Using an anti-transpirant is a little like putting lotion on your hands in the winter to prevent chapped hands. Anti-transpirants form a coating on the plant’s foliage to protect it from moisture loss.

Which Plants Should I Use An Anti-Transpirant On?
Anti-transpirants can be used on any plant but are especially beneficial for the following plants that have been in the ground less than a year: Arborvitae, Azaleas, Boxwood, Cryptomeria, Holly, Leyland Cypress, Mountain Laurels, Otto Luyken Laurel, Skip Laurels, and Rhododendrons.