

SEASONAL GARDEN GOODS

As winter approaches, dropping temperatures and harsh winds can wreak havoc on your garden. Here are some products that will help protect your plants from severe weather damage.



The **Extra-Large Bell Cloche** is an updated version of an old-fashioned garden favorite. The impact-resistant cloche has 1/8-inch thick walls, 14 inches of headroom, and features top vents to reduce the chances of plants overheating on sunny days. Sells for \$24.99. Gardener's Supply Company. (800) 427-3363. www.gardeners.com.

Keep your borderline-hardy shrubs safe from sudden cold snaps with the **Bush Jacket**. Made of non-woven, durable, and breathable fabric, it is easy to install, clean, and reuse. A 5-by-7-foot jacket for individual shrubs retails for \$10; a 5-by-12-foot jacket for hedges for \$18.95. Circlemoon Products. (920) 684-0227. www.bushjacket.com.



Reduce windburn and wilting with **Wilt-Pruf Plant Protector**. Wilt-Pruf's anti-transpirant and protectant formula coats leaves and stems, trapping essential moisture. It dries as a clear, glossy film that does not interfere with plant growth. The naturally derived, non-toxic spray is available in various sizes, from a one-quart spray bottle for \$8.95, to a one-gallon jug for \$49.95. Available at many retail garden centers and mail-order suppliers. (800) 972-0726. www.wiltpruf.com.



Less-hardy plants can grow through the winter with the **Insulated Cold Frame**. This frame both insulates plants to keep them warm and filters out sunlight to prevent scorching. Hinged top panels allow for ventilation. A 41-by-23-inch unit is available for \$99.95; a 41-by-46-inch **Double Cold Frame** available for \$149.95 from Charley's Greenhouse & Garden. (800) 322-4707. www.charleysgreenhouse.com.

Products profiled are chosen based on qualities such as innovative design, horticultural utility, and environmental responsibility; they have not been tested by the American Horticultural Society. Send new product information to New Products, *The American Gardener*, 7931 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria, VA 22308, or e-mail to editor@ahs.org.