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Winter Burn

Winter burn, or desiccation, is caused by a plant's inability to replace water it has lost due to heavily frozen ground or drought. The dehydrated plant tissues change foliage to a brown, rusty color. Low soil moisture, freezing temperatures, and heavy winds are all factors that cause plants to lose moisture faster than they can replace it. Preventative steps can be taken to help protect your plants from winter burn, however once their foliage has been damaged there is little that can be done besides pruning the damage out.



Left: Winter burn on Bayberry
Right: Winter burn on White Pine