

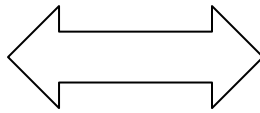
# WRAPPING MATURE WINDMILL PALMS\* IN THE WINTER IS USUALLY HARMFUL NOT HELPFUL

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There are now thousands of windmill palms growing in coastal areas all around the Lower Mainland without any winter protection. They will withstand heavy winter snows and hard frosts as cold as -15C (5F) without damage. In fact, covering the trunk and particularly the leaves (fronds) can actually do them harm by denying the plants light and trapping condensation which can cause the fronds to rot.



**NOT RECOMMENDED!**



Both these palms were yellowish when unwrapped, with damage to the fronds and reduced vigour. In all but the coldest areas of the Lower Mainland, our experience indicates that no winter protection is best.



The Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society has championed the use of windmill palms as landscape trees for more than twenty years. For more information on the cultivation and protection of tender plants, we invite you to visit our website at [www.hardypalm.com](http://www.hardypalm.com).

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