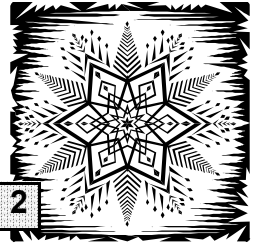


Timely Tree Tips



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Kevin's Column

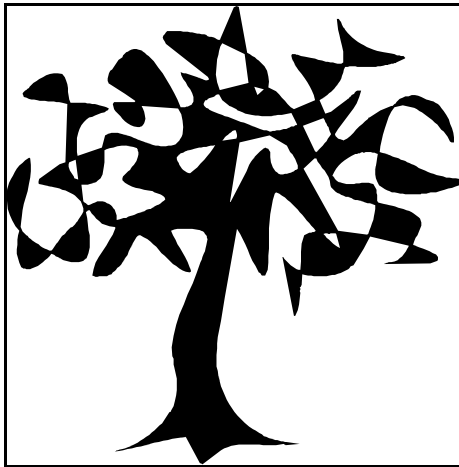
The storm of September 1995 is long gone and life has returned back to normal for those of us in the tree care industry. Routine bugs, same old diseases... Not really! One thing I really enjoy about this line of work is that there is always something new to learn, new people to meet, familiar faces to see and new places to go. I find it very rewarding to be able to help people keep plants healthy!

The upcoming year looks to be very exciting! We will be implementing new products and techniques for insect control and are all fired up about our expanding lawn care division. The new line of organic based slow release fertilizer has been giving im-

“Those who plant trees think of others rather than of themselves”

pressive results!

If you haven't tried our lawn care service it may be something for you to consider. Results are guaranteed and we offer special incentives for new sign ups. Give us a call and see for yourself that “the grass is greener on the Jones' side of the street!”



A Message from the trees...

Although stout and strong, like you - we live and are vulnerable to wrong.

But you, with voices to raise and legs to move, shape your future as you choose.

We, in contrast, must rely on thoughtful acts of people to get by.

So think of us each day with care, and take pleasure from the moments we share.

Please favor us with your best, because it is in you that our greatest hope rests.

Author unknown

Topic

Fall and winter watering of Trees, shrubs, and Lawns

Mild, dry winters are great for us flatlanders, but tough on trees, shrubs and lawns. Winter injury due to drought (desiccation) is a common problem in the Metro area. Plants, especially at risk include all types of evergreens and shallow rooted species like birch, maple, aspens and newly planted trees and shrubs. Lawns with south and west exposures can literally dry up and blow away from lack of winter water. Damage usually is not noticed until the following spring.

What to do?

Thoroughly watering trees, shrubs and lawns now will provide a good supply of water for early winter. Monitor weather conditions December through March. If 4 - 6 weeks pass with out good snow cover, get the hose out and water! Pick a day above 40 degrees. Water early in the day so it can soak in before it freezes. Water exposed lawns more frequently.

If you have any questions please give us a call.

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Repair and re-training of storm damaged trees

Many trees were badly disfigured by the "buster of 95". All is not lost though! With proper pruning and training in the years to come once beautiful trees can recover. You may have noticed lots of sprouts coming out of limbs and near wounds where branches broke off from. This is the trees survival response to a sudden lack of foliage. It's trying to make up for what was broken off. The same response happens when trees are poorly trimmed or "topped".

As time passes certain sprouts will become dominant and eventually grow to become "leaders". Weaker sprouts will need to be pruned out to give dominate sprouts room to develop and heavy limbs that did not break will need to be thinned. Re-training of trees should start early. So give us a call

and we will be happy to give suggestions on your tree care needs.

Fall Needle Drop in Evergreens

Every year toward the end of summer the phone starts ringing. " The needles on my pine trees are turning brown, it's dying, you've got to come look at it".

Starting in late summer the oldest needles discolor, turning a bright yellow and eventually turn brown and fall off. Some species of pines are more dramatic than others. Others, like spruce and fir, needle loss is more subtle.

Not to be alarmed. Evergreen trees can only carry just so many needles through the dormant season. The oldest of needles and occasional certain limbs will be sloughed of by the tree because they take out more energy from the system than they put in to the

system.

If needles at the tip of the branch are turning brown, and these are not the lowest branches on the tree, the tree should be checked for disease

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or insect problems.

Mite Alert!

The past two winters have been bad for mite damage in lawns. South and west exposed lawns are especially at risk. Keeping lawns moist in the winter helps to curb mite damage to a degree. Damage normally starts along edges of concrete and gets bigger. These guys can kill a lot of turf in a hurry.

For a nominal fee we can check lawns for mite infestations during the winter and ad-

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