
❖ Timely Tree Tips ❖

Spring 2000

Desperately needed moisture finally arrives

Bone dry. Dry as a bone. Drought. All good adjectives to describe the winter we have had up until March 15, 2000 when we finally got some decent moisture from a snow storm. Every one out there has winter watered their lawns, trees, shrubs and flower beds at least 4 times since November, right? If not you might experience drought and desiccation injury to those parts of your yard previously mentioned.

Drought injury on evergreens is easy to see, they just lose color and turn brown. On deciduous trees and shrubs drought injury is more subtle. Twigs, branches and even entire trees or shrubs can leaf out from stored energy and suddenly wilt and die. Injured tissue often is invaded by different canker fungi that finish off what was damaged by drought. If the plant is strong enough it will compartmentalize the disease and carry on. If not the disease will win and the plant dies.

Drought injury to turf is sort of hard to recognize this time of year. Normally, everyone is used to grass turning brown. Brown is normal but the crowns near the soil remain green. If turf is damaged by drought and accompanying mites the crowns turn brown and the grass can die.

Flower beds with perennials and



It's a sad day when people treat their trees like this...

What's worse is that they paid money to have their trees ruined!

bulbs need winter watering also. Many

perennials regenerate from the crown of the plant. If the crown and roots dry out the plant dies. Bulbs are mostly water. If they dry out all that's left is a dead piece of leather looking substance. The best thing about flower beds though is that moisture can be retained by applying mulch to the bed.

How much water is enough for winter watering? Soak the soil down to at least a 6" depth. Check the soil in a couple weeks to see if it needs more.

The benefits of winter water are usually plain to see. The guy with the greenest yard in winter is the guy who winter waters regularly. Chances are he

If your lawn doesn't green up after this it may have mites!

G rass mites have been a serious problem the last 3-4 winters. Unlike mites that damage other types of plants the Banks grass mites love cool weather and disappear when it gets hot. Because it has been dry and mild mite populations in turf can do serious damage. When the present weather patterns go back to spring like conditions your lawn should perk right up and turn green with all the moisture from the snow. If it does not, chances are you could have mite damage and may need to have the lawn treated for mites.

Damage usually starts around evergreen trees or shrubs, along concrete, next to walls, fences etc. The damaged grass is straw yellow and is just as dry as straw. As mite populations increase the damage spreads outward. Mites can kill the turf and then it needs to be re-sodded.

If your lawn is not greening up call us for an inspection.

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Got your program booked for 2000?

Spring is officially here and we are out there taking care of your plants as we speak. Or are we? There are still a few people left in the files whom we haven't heard back from about their yard care proposals for this year.

Presently we are doing the following treatments and services:

- ⇒ Spruce gall aphid
- ⇒ Elm Bark Beetle, Dutch elm disease
- ⇒ Soil injections for insect control
- ⇒ Dormant oil sprays
- ⇒ Pre-emergent weed applications
- ⇒ Deep Root Fertilization
- ⇒ Lots of pruning work
- ⇒ First lawn fert apps and aerations to start soon

Many things we do require special timing to be effective and worth while. So don't delay. Call us to protect and enhance your landscape investment!

Bulk firewood clearance:
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A Tree to Consider...

Everyone wants a piece of the Rockies in their yard. An aspen, a ponderosa pine, a Colorado blue spruce. Unfortunately many modern yards do not have the space it takes to grow a full grown spruce or pine. Standard spruce and pines can get to 60' tall and 40' wide, no problem. That's a beautiful tree but do you have that kind of space to give up? If not you can still have a piece of the Rockies and a yard at the same time.

The answer is with dwarf evergreen varieties. Globosa spruce, R.H. Montgomery spruce, Blue Horizon spruce, Baby blue eyes spruce are just a few of the varieties available today that make a great addition to mosts gardens and yards. Many other conifer species are also available in dwarf forms as well. Call us for some suggestions for your

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