

# Timely Tree Tips

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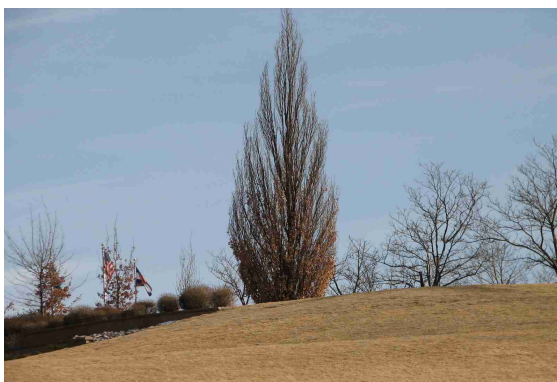
## Spring Fever Hits the Denver Area

Are you ready for spring? We are! Seems like nature always has different plans though. Aside from a couple arctic blasts, this winter has been fairly mild. Just when we are ready to get things rolling for you we get some needed moisture in the form of snow. Speaking of moisture, during the 4 month period November through February the Front Range has seen just .7 inches of liquid moisture! You can see the importance of winter watering. Lets hope that temperatures cool back down. If it stays warm too long trees begin thinking that it's time to sprout. Sure enough tender shoots will get frosted. It happens about every year. Staying cool keeps them dormant.

In spite of the weather we are in the process of taking care of your trees and lawn. Systemic soil injections, dormant oil sprays, Ips engraver beetle sprays and spring spruce gall aphid sprays are being done now. Meister Lawn Care applications have started. Many other services will start in the near future. Call us to put work on order.

The trimming department is in full swing. Now is a great time to get on the trim list early before things break loose in the next couple months. The further we get into spring the longer the wait time is.

This is also a good time to contact us about landscape enhancement. If you have some areas that need some "sprucing" up give us a call.



*Columnar English oak, a wonderful tree for narrow areas or accent.*

We would like to extend a special thanks to all of our clients that put their work on order in a timely fashion. You make our job easier to give you top notch service.

*Kevin Jones*

## Announcing OUR NEW AND IMPROVED WEB SITE!

[www.jonestreeandlawn.com](http://www.jonestreeandlawn.com)

It took a while to construct but it was worth it. For the past couple months I have been gathering pictures from my years of adventures in the field and writing text for the new site. As a result we have created an informative and useful web site

for our clients and anyone who has an interest in caring for trees and lawns. Not only does the site better explain about all the services we offer but it also is loaded with tips about tree care, insects, diseases, pruning, lawn, care, watering, planting, mulch and more. Bottom line: if you have a

question about your landscape you most likely will find an answer through our site. We will be adding an alert section where we can keep you up to date with urgent news and you will also be able to see past Timely Tree Tips news letters in the archives. You can also contact us through email links.

Check it out. Let me know what you think. Your feed back is always welcome. Kevin

See us at [www.jonestreeandlawn.com](http://www.jonestreeandlawn.com) for your landscape care questions and tips

## Proper Use Of Mulch In the Landscape

Mulch has many uses in the landscape. Primary benefits are that it preserves soil moisture, insulates tree and shrub roots from extremes in temperature and reduces weed growth. Mulch also provides a finishing touch in the landscape. In today's world of conserving water it makes sense to increase border and bed areas and decrease lawn area.

Proper ways to use mulch are:

- ◆ Put mulch directly on top of bare soil.
- ◆ Do not put mulch on top of fabric or plastic, this defeats the purpose.
- ◆ A 4" layer of mulch is sufficient
- ◆ Keep mulch 6" away from tree trunks and shrub stems. It holds moisture and can rot bark tissue!
- ◆ Top dress old mulch with new fresh mulch every couple of years.

We use a great mulch made right here in town. It's economical and

## Spring Lawn Aeration

Along about this time everyone gets overly excited about aerating the lawn. We all see the lawn squads out in force aerating and unfortunately power raking lawns. Power raking will severely damage the lawn so please avoid doing it. So when is the **best** time to aerate? The answer is **anytime**. Anytime the soil is nice and moist! If the ground is dry it's a waste of time and money. If the soil is moist the machine should be pulling plugs 2- 3" long. Leave the plugs on the surface of the lawn. As they crumble, the soil works its way down and helps decompose thatch. The holes provide channels for air and water to penetrate into the soil. Overseeding after aerating is a great way to thicken up the lawn. We hold off aerating until late April-May. The reason is so that everyone has their sprinklers up and going. We call 2 -3 days in advance so you can water and mark your sprinkler heads be-

fore we arrive. This way we can do a good job and protect your sprinklers.

## Mite Damage to lawns

We are finding mite damage to lawns. Mite-damaged areas are straw colored and irregular in shape. It is often found on south exposed areas, near evergreen trees or shrubs, next to fences, walls, and concrete. Upon close inspection damaged grass blades are speckled yellow and green from the feeding activities of the mites.

Keeping turf watered, especially in "hot spots" can reduce mite damage. One or two sprays with a miticide can keep the pests under control. Call us if you suspect mite damage!

**Psssst.** Want to know the secret to having the greenest lawn on the block...

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