



The Turf and Trees are always greener on the Jones side of the street!

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eTree and Turf Tips

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trees GOT WATER? Really...

Just last month in February I suggested everyone should water their trees, shrubs and lawns. I trust everyone took this advise to heart, got out the hoses and gave everything a good long drink. Last month went down in the record books as the driest February in recorded history! When root systems dry out and die the top of the plant suffers. Winter drought injury on deciduous plants does not show up until spring and summer. Drought injury on pines, spruce and broadleaf evergreens can show up right now. Drought injured plants are more vulnerable to insect and disease. Drought injury to turf will appear in spring. Sections of the lawn can die out giving the lawn a clumpy look of green and brown. Dry soil conditions also make trees more susceptible to blowing over in strong winds. Recently on the news I overheard a "horticulturist" say to water your evergreen trees but not your deciduous trees, junipers, or the lawn. This horticulturist says to water it all! Obviously, starting the sprinkler system is not a good idea. It will freeze again. However, the garden hose will work just fine. If you have any questions or need assistance with winter watering call us.



Meister Lawn Fertilization in action...

Newsletter Spotlight

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Mountain Pine Beetle

We all know about the Pine Beetle infestation that has virtually wiped out our lodge pole pine forest in the mountains. The beetles have been blown and carried by people over the continental divide and are now making their way into front range cities. Last summer we found ponderosa pines in Westminster that were hit by Mtn. Pine beetles. They have also been found on Scots pine in Fort Collins. Foothill communities are also being affected by the beetles.

What to do? Preventive spraying is about 90% effective at protecting pine trees. Have trees sprayed from late May and June. In most cases trees that are already infested and dying need to be removed. Should you be concerned about your pine trees in town getting infested? I would say yes. It's cheaper to spray them than to cut them down. And, of course, if you have to cut it down you have no tree. If you have questions or need a price to spray for Mtn. pine beetle call us.



Early Season Turf Tips

It's been a long winter, especially for lawn mowing companies. At the first sign of warm days your lawn mowing people may approach you about **power raking** the lawn and even aerating the lawn. **Avoid the temptation!** Power raking is absolutely the worst thing you can do to a cool season lawn. It beats grass crowns and tears roots systems, thus seriously injuring an already stressed lawn and delaying its ability to grow in the spring. Don't worry about brown grass. It will disappear when it starts to grow. The only benefit power raking does is to provide money to the people who did the job! **Avoid** the temptation to **aerate** before you fire up the sprinkler system. The soil has to be moist in order to get a good aerating job. Doing it now when the soil is dry and hard is like aerating the driveway. You get absolutely no benefit. We wait until May before we aerate. We call 3 to 4 days in advance so you can water the lawn and mark your sprinkler heads. This way you get the best job possible. See our web site www.jonestreeandlawn.com for more tree and turf tips !