



## eTimely Tree and Turf Tips

### Spring's Right Around the Corner!

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What a winter it has been. If you are like me, I am ready to see something green. Brown, white and frozen have gone far enough. Presently we are getting ready to green things up for you! Dormant oil sprays, spring spruce gall, elm bark beetle, Ips beetle, soil injections, Meister lawn apps. have either started or are on the near horizon. Booking your service NOW helps us prepare to green things up for YOU. Send in your renewals ASAP so you don't miss out.



Meister lawn fertilizer application in progress

### Now is the best time to trim

Believe it or not right now is the best time to trim trees. When all the foliage is off arborists can see everything in the tree. Nothing is hidden by foliage. A common resistance to dormant pruning we hear is "how do you know what is dead?" To the trained eye dead limbs are easy to spot. We work on trees day in, day out, year round. An added benefit to pruning now is response time. We can get to your work fast. Waiting until the spring rush can put a delay in your trimming projects. This is a great time to remove unwanted trees as well.

The time for trimming apples, crabapples, pears, hawthorns is closing. There are about 30 days left. These trees species need to be done while dormant for disease prevention purposes.

### Thinking about a new tree?



A Golden Rain Tree we planted

With the imminent threat of Emerald Ash Borer wiping out roughly 1/3rd of our urban forest, we are faced with the challenge of finding new tree species to not only replace them with but also what to plant now. What's crazy about this is many of the trees now available have been growing here for decades! Old stand by's such as linden, hackberry, Kentucky coffee tree, catalpa, locust, maples, and certain species of oaks, to mention a few, have been growing here just fine. Other trees such as Ohio buckeye, horse chestnut, Tulip tree, ginkgo, birch, golden rain tree, yellowwood and hornbeam also grow here. Nurseries are now expanding their inventory to offer more options and varieties to diversify our urban forest. Call us to get ideas for a new tree for you!

### Novembers deep freeze has damaged many trees...

As winter gives way to spring we are starting to see freeze damage on many trees. Some pines and spruce are showing brown needles. Some deciduous trees are showing dead twigs. The extent of the damage will reveal itself as spring progresses. The only thing to do is wait and see if damaged plants recover. In some cases, damage might be partial where parts of the plant might be affected. In other cases the damage might be a total kill or it may be just fine. We have seen groups of trees, mostly pines at this time, where one tree is damaged and the others look okay. Damage also seems to be more pronounced on the south side of trees. Give us a call as spring moves forward if you have suspected damaged plants.