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Storms are Coming Soon: it's a Great Time to Prune!

Proper pruning can go a long way toward preventing tree damage from spring and summer thunderstorms. For example, maintenance-level pruning can

create a sturdy, well-spaced framework of healthy branches and an open tree canopy. This will decrease wind resistance and minimize the risk of tree failure

in stormy conditions, since air will be able to flow freely through the branches. Pruning

may also be beneficial if branches and foliage have grown thicker and heavier than what the roots can easily support. In cases such as these, tree failure can occur when excessive rainfall creates waterlogged soil that cannot keep the roots anchored. Pruning away extra branches and foliage may help to minimize failure.

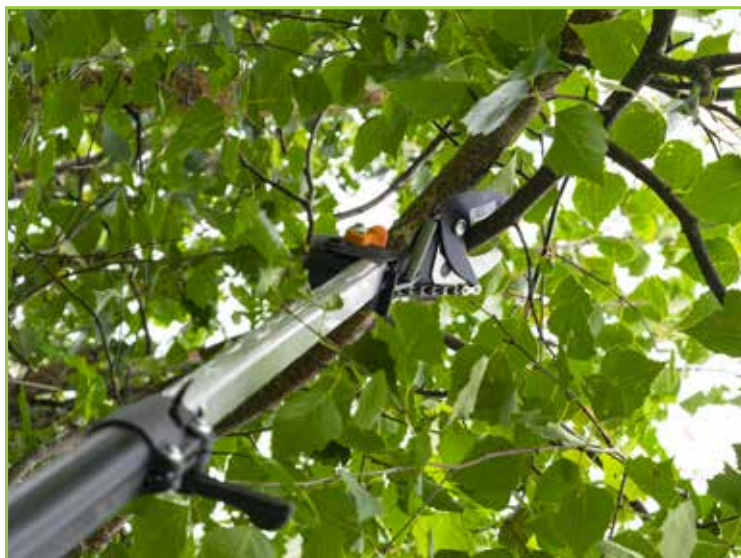
Dead wood that is likely to fall in stormy weather can be removed as well.



Besides preparing for storms, pruning can be done to:

- Improve air circulation
- Increase exposure to sunlight
- Remove branches that are blocking windows, walkways, or driveways
- Remove overlapping branches and those that are rubbing together

Remember, no matter how strong and sturdy your trees may appear, all of them are susceptible to damage from heavy storms. Preventative pruning is one of the best means of protection.



Why Feed Full-Grown Trees and Shrubs

As our landscape plants become full grown, most of us assume our job is done. Actually, these trees and shrubs still need our help.

SUBURBAN ENVIRONMENT VS. NATURAL FOREST HABITAT Most suburban soils lack the organic nutrients these trees and shrubs would find in their natural habitat—the forest. In the forest decomposing layers of leaves and other organic matter constantly put nutrients back into the soil. But in our lawns and landscapes, we regularly rake the leaves and remove organic material before it can decompose.

THAT IS WHERE FERTILIZATION CAN HELP Fertilization replaces the primary nutrients of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. This improves the plants' natural abilities to resist insects and disease, creates deeper color, denser growth and better blooming of your flowering trees and shrubs. It helps overcome the problems of poor soil.



A STRONGER ROOT SYSTEM

Believe it or not, the majority of a tree's roots extend only about three feet below the surface. Fertilization reaches these roots and helps them to branch out and increase in size to survive drought and other hardships.

We can help you develop a fertilization plan that is right for the needs of your landscape—for healthy trees and shrubs you can enjoy now and well into the future.



WHAT A MESS!

Lawn maintenance and pools/spas can have a love-hate relationship.

Anyone who cleans the pool/spa on a property may cringe when

it is time for the crew to do any weekly,

monthly, and/or annual maintenance. Believe me, no matter what property owners may think, landscapers are very aware of the debris that can AND WILL blow into the pools & spas on a property.

As a landscaper, no matter how hard you try, there will be some debris that is carried by the wind and end up somewhere that you do not want it..... pool, spa, an open window, under a door, in the street, on the neighbors sidewalk, on a car, in a car, etc. So, while we are pruning, blowing, mowing, transporting, snipping, edging, etc., we are doing everything we can to eliminate flying debris as well as cleaning up any debris created before leaving the property.

As with any maintenance job performed on a property, you may need to skim the pool/spa after the lawn maintenance crew is gone and the dust has settled. Or better yet, set your automatic pool cleaner to do a few extra rounds in the pool the day the crew comes or schedule your weekly pool cleaning on the same day as the lawn maintenance crew comes just make sure it is done AFTER the crew leaves.

One last note... when it comes to pruning palm trees, you may need to clean out all the pool/spa filters for a few days in a row. The wood from a palm tree shreds into small fine pieces and when it gets wet, it will have the same consistency of sand which will accumulate quickly in the filters.

Palm Tree Maintenance

Palm tree pruning is an important part of the yearly maintenance of your landscape. It is recommended that the trimming of palm trees follow the sprouting of the berry stems that you begin seeing in middle to late June.

The advantages of proper pruning are:

1. It promotes enhanced beauty of the tree. Common pruning techniques are described as 10 and 2 or 9 and 3. These numbers resemble the tree limbs, after trimming, as to the hands of a clock at the 10 and 2 position and the 9 and 3 position.
2. Lower maintenance for the tree itself, as well as the areas around the tree.

A palm that is not properly maintained will lose its palm leaves and berry stems, thus requiring the routine cleanup of the limbs and the berry stems. The berries have been known to stain driveways, walkways, patios, pool decks, and stop up gutters and are not easily cleaned. In addition, the berries have been known to create pest problems (i.e. raccoons and bees) which seek the berries as nourishment and are unwanted visitors in our yards and gathering areas.





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