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Your Neighborhood Friend For Tree Care

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PREPARING YOUR TREES FOR

FALL & WINTER

Fall is a good time for homeowners to inspect trees and shrubs in their landscape and to plan for some preventive maintenance; minimizing problems that can occur over the winter.

FALL AND WINTER TREE CARE MUSTS

Protect trees and shrubs now that suffer from winter drying injury.

Homeowners should analyze their landscape to identify areas where trees and shrubs are subject to constant wind exposure. For conifers planted in areas that regularly suffer from winter desiccation injury (as described above), the best way to prevent this type of damage is to erect some type of barrier in front of susceptible plants to block the winter winds. Barriers constructed of burlap or wooden or plastic snow fence can be used and should be installed soon to block the prevailing winter winds and reduce winter injury. McCullough's Tree Service offers a anti-dessicant spray in foliar application to reduce winter injury.

Protect trees and shrubs that regularly suffer from snow and ice damage.

In areas around the home where snow loads can accumulate over the winter such as from falling off the roof, from snowplowing, snow blowing or just from prevailing winds that cause the snow to drift in certain spots, the heavy weight of snow and ice can cause significant damage to trees and shrubs. In some traditional snow-belt areas of Ohio, the large amount of snow that falls over the winter can

sometimes literally tear branches right off of young conifer trees as the snow packs down as the winter wears on. Therefore, some type of protection should be installed right now around or over the top of plants most prone to damage to prevent snow from piling up on top of these plants that can eventually cause twigs and branches to break off from the trunk or worse.

Get a head start on tree and shrub maintenance needs for the upcoming year.

After leaves fall off of deciduous trees and shrubs in the fall, homeowners can often see plant problems that may not have been very noticeable with the foliage on the branches. A good example is crossing or rubbing branches and other structural defects in the branches of a tree or shrub. Severe problems can be pruned out now if necessary or perhaps a homeowner can make a mental note to prune that plant before the new leaves emerge in the spring.

Overall, fall is a good chance for homeowners to inspect their landscape plants and begin to plan ahead as to what type of tree and shrub maintenance that may be needed in the next growing season.

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Getting diseases under control

Even though plant growth winds down this time of year, diseases don't necessarily go away. Many pests and pathogens spend the winter on diseased plant parts, lying in wait for the chance to launch a new attack in spring.

That's why plant experts preach the importance of cleaning up diseased plant material. Prune out affected stems, remove diseased leaves and pick up any plant debris that's lying around. Diseased annuals should be removed completely.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Deciduous plants naturally reduce their water content to acclimate to winter. Dropping their leaves is a way to dramatically reduce overall water content.
- The lack of moisture (called desiccation injury) is very evident in evergreens with needles because the needles turn brown and generally drop in spring.
- The average slice of apple pie has approximately 300 calories – walking 1.5 hours at a brisk pace will burn 300 calories. Eating the pie while walking kills two birds with one stone!



What to do with your fall leaves

The leaves of one large shade tree can be worth as much as \$50 of plant food and humus. Pound for pound, the leaves of most trees contain twice as many minerals as manure. For example, the mineral content of a sugar maple leaf is over five percent, while even common pine needles have 2.5 percent of their weight in calcium, magnesium, nitrogen and phosphorus, plus other trace elements.

mat and prevent water from passing to the soil or trap moisture that may encourage disease, fungus or insects. Leaves from walnut trees contain natural chemicals that inhibit plant growth and should be thoroughly composted first.

With a minimal investment in a leaf blower/shredder vac you can save money for years to come.

For most uses, it is important that you shred the leaves first to encourage beneficial decomposition. And whole leaves will tend to

Be sure your compost pile stays between 135-160 degrees to ensure perfect decomposition.

Shakin' the Family Tree

What an amazing group of team members we have at McCullough's Tree Service. Our seasoned team members, along with our newer members, all recognize the importance of customer service. Our repeat customer base is something that we are most proud of. It says to us that we have gone the extra mile to make sure our customers are highly satisfied.

At McCullough's, safety is number one, ensuring our team members are protected and our customers are confident in our skills. Keeping our equipment and vehicles in top notch condition is another way we can be highly effective. We are ready to go when a call comes in.

FAMILIES ARE IMPORTANT AND AT MCCULLOUGH'S TREE SERVICE, OUR TEAM MEMBERS ARE LIKE FAMILY!



Our Promise To You

- We will provide all clients with an Expert Certified Arborist to evaluate their needs and provide a written estimate.
- We offer a 100% guarantee on every project.
- We make it easy, on time and on schedule.

Contact us Today!

Just like us, our fruit trees need food, water, pruning and nurturing to bear great fruit.

Most fruit trees fair better when they are planted in twos, so you should choose at least two varieties of fruit trees to grow simultaneously. (Like we need relationships, trees need the company of another tree.)

Decide on a place for the trees. Ideally, the trees should be approximately 20 feet apart. (We all need a little space to allow for growth.)

Dig the holes for the trees. The roots should be buried to the same depth as they were at the nursery where you bought the trees. The width of the hole that you dig should be 50 percent larger than the width of the hole at the nursery. (We all need deep roots to ensure great support) Add compost to the holes, a few shovelfuls should be fine. (We all need rich soil to support growth.) Think Positive!!

PLANTING

Place the trees into the holes and shovel the dirt from the holes back into place over the tree roots. (We all need to have plenty of coverage.)

Pack the dirt lightly. (So as not to smother, we all need breathing room.) Step back and make sure that the trees are standing upright. If not, adjust the trees accordingly. (Make sure you are walking out your life in a just and upright fashion, step back and take a look, adjust accordingly.) Water the soil around the trees. (Our bodies are 65% water, drink up!!!)

Spread mulch around the trees. This helps with weeds and keeps the dirt at a more regular temperature for the trees. (Cover yourself with a good and healthy lifestyle.)

MAINTENANCE

Add lawn fertilizer to the soil surrounding the trees twice a year at spring and fall. (We all need the Bread of Life)

Pinch off the trees' first series of buds. These first flower-like buds should begin appearing during the second year of the trees' life. By pinching them off, the trees will have more time to develop before producing their first fruits, and this will make for heartier fruit once the fruit begins to ripen. (Just like God prunes us so we can bear great fruits.)

Thin out the branches to prevent the fruit from growing too close together. This should be done around the time when the fruit reaches the size of a quarter. Neglecting this step will result in fruit that is smaller due to clustering. (Great Pruning leads to Great Fruits!!!)

BRANCHING OUT

Visit an Ohio Orchard

Fall Fun is in the air and what better place to experience fall than in an Ohio Apple Orchard?
Check out the great times you can have at some orchards in your area!

www.orangeippin.com/orchards/united-states/ohio



While you're there, be sure to bring home some apples and whip up some great tasting dishes!

GREAT APPLE RECIPES

Mum's apple torte

www.greatbritishchefs.com/recipes/apple-torte-recipe

Apple Muffins

www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/ellie-krieger/apple-muffins-recipe.html

Ham Swiss & Apple Wrap

www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/food-network-kitchens/ham-swiss-and-apple-wraps-recipe.htm

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When the snow flies...

Why wait until the tires start spinning, get McCullough's Snow Removal Service scheduled for this upcoming Ohio winter season.

When snow accumulates 1 inch, we are on the job. At McCullough's, we stay on top of the ever-changing weather conditions and you will be pleasantly surprised to find us on the job clearing your areas even before the road crews are out. Ice removal is also a specialty, so no matter what the Ohio winter season brings, we will be there for you keeping your residential or business area safe and clear.



Thoughts from the Tree House

Granville move – The Granville location for McCullough's Tree Service has moved to 120 Westgate Drive. I picked this location because the larger facility, with ample property space, will allow us to better serve Granville and the surrounding areas. By partnering with the local businesses on Westgate, we will be able to fulfill all the needs of our customers in the Licking County community.

The investments made at this new location will make the property triple the size of our old location by the end of 2014. I am excited about this growth opportunity and what it means for our customers.

When we consistently strive to serve others in the best way possible, we fulfill our purpose for our journey here on earth. –Wess McCullough