

Sherdec Tree Service LLC

THE CINCINNATI AREA'S PREMIERE TRIPLE CERTIFIED TREE CARE AND REMOVAL SERVICE

TREE CARE CALENDAR



Spring

- Pruning of Oaks and Elms should be done by the end of March.
- When the ground thaws, Sherdec can begin rootcare fertilization of trees with Sherdec's slow release fertilizer.
- Begin monitoring plant development and weather conditions in order to time treatments for insects and diseases. (Timing of pesticide applications is key to successful control.)
- Early spring is the time to treat insects such as pine saw flies and those that cause galls.
- Fungal disease sprays like apple scab and anthracnose are done to protect new growth.
- A Sherdec systemic insecticide (Xytect) is applied in early spring to control some insects later in the season on your trees. Your Sherdec Arborist will advise you regarding this treatment.
- Early flowering trees like Magnolia should be pruned *after* flowering in order to preserve the flower buds.
- Application of the plant growth regulator, Cambistat® is done to control plant size and improve health in many situations.

Summer

- Dutch Elm disease or Oak Wilt begin to show up in infected trees.
- Injections to prevent Dutch Elm disease begin in early June or when the leaves are fully formed.
- White and Bur Oaks infected by Oak Wilt can be treated therapeutically. Red Oaks can be protected against a root graft infection if they are near a diseased Red Oak.
- Spray for most leaf fungus diseases by early to mid-July.
- Monitor insect populations and apply treatment where population levels threaten tree health.
- Evergreens are pruned after the new growth is completed.
- Late summer/early fall is a good time to apply systemic insecticides that will prevent infestations next year.
- Dutch Elm and Oak Wilt treatments continue until the leaves turn color in the fall.
- Iron injections to treat severe chlorosis (yellow leaves) are done at this time of year.

(OVER FOR AUTUMN & WINTER)

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Autumn

- Have a Sherdec Arborist assess your trees and help you prepare for leaf drop and dormancy.
- Dutch Elm and Oak Wilt treatments continue until the leaves turn color in the fall.
- Iron injections to treat chlorosis (yellow leaves) are best done at this time of year.
- Pruning of trees and shrubs is done during this season.
- Time to rake and compost and make assessment for next spring.

Winter

- Winter is the best time to prune most trees.
- When the leaves are off the trees it is easier to identify structural problems for correction or dead wood for removal.
- Insects and disease problems are not active in the winter, eliminating the possibility of infection into fresh pruning wounds.
- Winter is a good time to remove a tree especially if heavy equipment is required to do the work. The frozen ground and snow cover reduces the amount of damage that may be done around the property.
- Tree and shrub fertilization continues until the ground freezes. Sherdec's slow release Rootcare Fertilization formula will not promote unwanted late season growth.
- Pruning of Oaks and Elms starts again after the first hard frost.

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