

Sperry Tree Care

NEWSLETTER

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

 PG. 1

Welcome

 PG. 2

Pre-Winter Safety Check

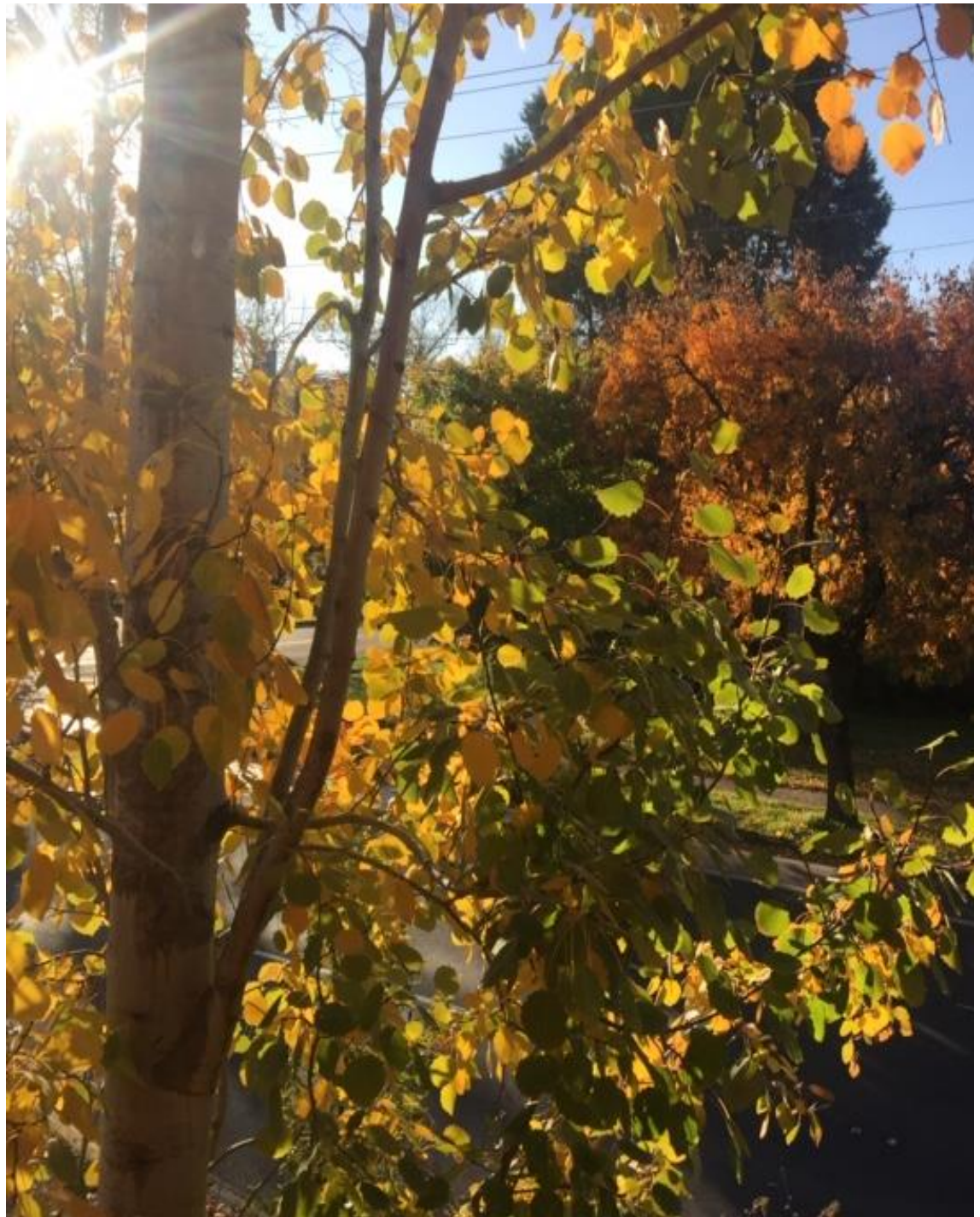
Mulching w/Wood Chips

 PG. 3

Tree in the Spotlight: Ginkgo

 PG. 4

Leaf It to Us



FALL

2020

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER!

Welcome to Sperry Tree Care's first quarterly newsletter! Our team of arborists have always been passionate about tree and shrub care and they are excited about being able to share their knowledge, conveniently delivered right to your inbox. You'll also find these on our website, in case you want to refer to something in the future. We'll be sharing information that's important to know as the seasons change, shining the spotlight on a variety of trees you may not be familiar with and keeping you informed about potential threats such as pests and disease.

Fall Preparations



PRE-WINTER SAFETY CHECK

Fall is the perfect time to take stock of your trees and shrubs in order to best prepare them for the winter ahead. Preventive care in the fall to address dead limbs and excess weight gained during the growing season can prevent bigger issues with breakage and falling limbs during wet weather and storm events. Snow and ice storms in years past have taken a toll on many trees and shrubs, sometimes causing irreparable damage. We recommend a “Pre-Winter Safety Check” consultation (It’s FREE!) with an arborist to visually check for potential signs of trouble.

MULCHING WITH WOOD CHIPS

Adding mulch around trees for the winter creates a protective barrier, similar to what occurs naturally on the forest floor. The additional layer helps to protect roots from the cold of winter. Wood chips make an excellent mulch as they allow water penetration, because your trees need sufficient water in the winter too. A depth of 3 inches is recommended. Avoid Volcano-mulching, where chips are piled against the base of the trunk, which can cause excess moisture.



Tree in the Spotlight

The Ginkgo
is a
stunning
piece of
history
originating
over 350
million
years ago



MAIDENHAIR TREE (GINKGO BILOBA)

- Member of the Gymnosperm family that includes conifers such as firs, spruces and pines
- Tolerates compacted and poorly drained soils, but will be at its best in well drained & fertile areas
- Leaves turn a brilliant gold in the Fall creating a magnificent carpet at the base of the tree
- Used for centuries for medicinal purposes, particularly to help with memory
- Dioecious, it comes in male and female varieties (Male trees are recommended because the females produce fruit that become malodorous as they decompose.)
- Grows in a variety of shapes, even narrow ones

Leaf It to Us

SHRUBS & HEDGES

Perennial woody plants, generally known as shrubs, are like the small cousins of trees. Distinguished from trees by their multiple stems and shorter height, they can be deciduous or evergreen. They are often planted closely together, creating a hedge, to form a barrier or mark the boundary of an area.

Like trees, shrubs and hedges sometimes need to be pruned. Proper pruning can create or maintain a desired shape, restrict plant size when appropriate, promote health and structural soundness and encourage flowering. Pruning also helps to keep foliage dense, resulting in a more attractive plant. Removing dead branches and errant limbs will keep plants looking their best and better able to withstand inclement weather events, such as heavy rains and snow.

We often say that successful pruning is the result of integrating art with the science of professional tree care. Knowing where to make cuts that will not damage the plant, that's the science. A natural shape that compliments the plant and its surroundings is the art. Both are essential in pruning shrubs and hedges.



© 2020 Sperry Tree Care Co.