

# Sperry Tree Care

NEWSLETTER

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Summer  
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### WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER NEWSLETTER!

Summer is in full swing, the trees are fully leafed out, and it seems that everyone is spending time outdoors enjoying the warm weather and long days. Our trees are often providing much appreciated shade for our outdoor activities, as they tend to be the centerpiece of our landscaping or the gathering place in our garden. Fruit trees are drooping from the weight of their bounty. However, summer heat takes its toll on trees. Especially those that are young and not fully established. Sufficient watering is a must when the temperatures climb. Learn more about keeping your trees well-hydrated on Page 3.

# Summer Care



## HEDGE PRUNING

Hedges require consistent pruning to maintain their shape and prevent them from growing too fast, which can cause them to become long and leggy. Proper pruning can create or maintain a desired shape, restrict plant size, promote health and structure while 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. Our team can help you develop a personalized plan for creating a healthy, well-developed hedge that is less prone to storm damage.

## BEWARE OF TOO MUCH FRUIT

Too much of a good thing can lead to breaking limbs. Many beloved fruit trees, particularly apples, will bend and break due to overbearing fruit weight. Thinning fruit is one way to significantly reduce the weight and improve the remaining fruit. Thinning can also help reduce the volume of diseased, misshapen or damaged fruit. Branches can also be propped up to help support the additional weight load.

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**SPERRY TREE CARE CO.**

**10% OFF**

10% off Hedge pruning accepted by Sept. 30, 2021.  
May not be combined with other offers. Code: HEDGE21



## YOUR TREES SUMMER HYDRATION NEEDS

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With each passing summer it seems that we are experiencing warmer temperatures. Even well-established trees are impacted by these changes, requiring more irrigation than you have done in years prior. Water must reach the roots; sometime water can shed off soil or mulch so be sure to check the soil after watering.

**NEWLY PLANTED TREES:** Water deeply. A minimum of 15 gallons per tree, per inch of the tree's diameter (measured 6 inches from the ground) is needed during the first summer.

**YEAR 2:** In year two follow the same water amount guideline; in general, water every other week.

**YEAR 3:** Measure the tree's diameter and adjust water volume as needed; water once per month. You'll be able to wean your trees following the third full growing season.

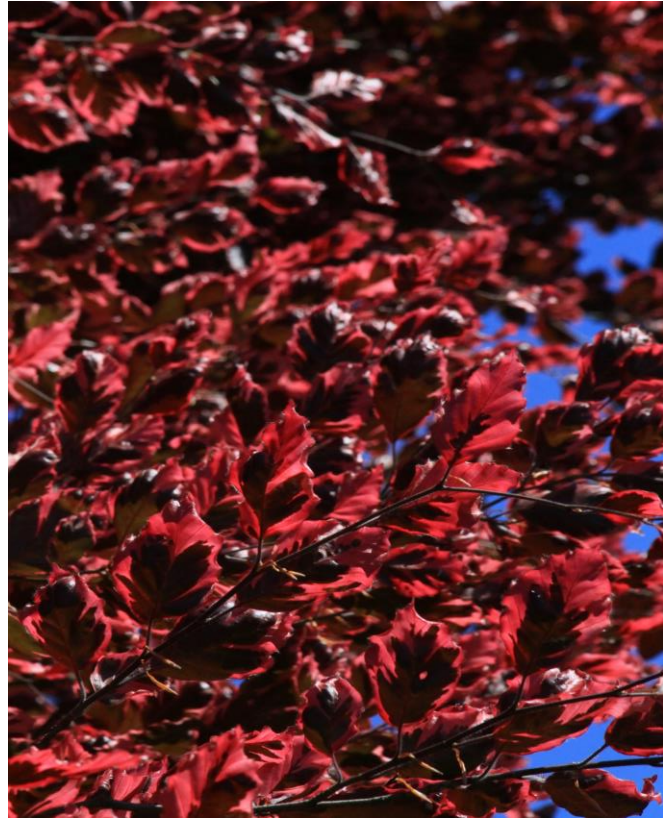


### HELPFUL HINTS:

- Always be wary of heat waves and late summer drought; increase irrigation during these times.
- Even large trees will appreciate some water in extreme temperatures. The exception to this is mature native trees like Oregon White Oaks, Pacific Madrones and Incense Cedars.
- If you have really poor drainage, wait until the surface water has disappeared before you water again.
- If your tree is planted in an irrigated lawn the irrigation will help, but it is not enough. You still need to provide additional water to ensure adequate hydration.
- Continue to provide regular watering until regular rain returns in the fall.

# Tree in the Spotlight

This variegated tree can be used as a beautiful hedge.



## TRICOLOR EUROPEAN BEECH (FAGUS SYLVATICA)

### Pros:

- Full sunlight to partial shade
- Prefers moderate to well-drained soils
- Leaves emerge purple, changing to green with purple & pink margins
- Smooth, grey bark

### Cons:

- Slow to medium growth rate
- Can develop dense surface roots
- Potential for aphids and whitefly
- Dead leaves hang on tree into winter months (bird habitat)

# Leaf It to Us

## CABLING AND BRACING SUPPORT SYSTEMS

Support systems are used to reduce damage in the event of limb failure. They are an excellent option when faced with a valued tree that has structural defects such as a co-dominant stem or long, over-extended branches.

There are two cabling system types used by the team at Sperry Tree Care:

**Steel Cables** that last indefinitely, but prevent limbs from moving naturally.

**Soft Material** dynamic systems that allow for limited natural movement, but need to be replaced after approximately 10 years.

Periodic inspection by a qualified arborist is required for support systems. We recommend annual inspections, which are available at no charge to our clients. The arborist will check for excessive wear, proper tension and overall effectiveness based on changes to the tree over time.

With a large contingency of ISA Certified Arborists on staff, Sperry Tree Care is qualified to meet the needs of clients who can benefit from this service.

We offer FREE estimate appointments to determine if a tree support system is right for your situation. Call our office or request an appointment online at [sperrytreecare.com](http://sperrytreecare.com).



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