

Sperry Tree Care

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Autumn
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WELCOME TO OUR AUTUMN NEWSLETTER!

After the long, hot summer Autumn is a welcome reprieve. The turning of the leaves is a spectacular show of color from the bold yellow of the Silver Linden to the fiery color of the Red Maple. The crispness in the air reminds us that it is time to finish our outdoor projects and prepare for the winter ahead. We have a few Autumn to-dos to share with you, information on the importance of a winter safety check for your trees, and timely information on pruning fruit trees during dormant season to ensure that you have an abundance of fruit when summer returns.

Autumn To-Do's



MULCHING YOUR TREES

Mulching around your trees in the fall helps to insulate the soil and roots from shifts in temperature while also protecting from moisture loss. Just be sure not to pile the mulch up around the tree's trunk as this may cause bark rot, creating an access point for insects and diseases.

LEAVE THE LEAVES

Leaving the leaves where they fall is actually beneficial to your yard. As the leaves breakdown over the winter they release nutrients that will feed next years lawn and improve the overall soil biology in your yard, benefitting everything you grow. In addition, the fallen leaves create a natural mulch that can help to suppress weeds. This works best when the leaves are not piled too thick. Mowing over large leaves to reduce their surface area will aid in their transformation to beneficial compost. Plus, leaves are a natural habitat for butterflies, earthworms and other insects.

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SPERRY TREE CARE CO.

10% OFF

10% off Fruit Tree pruning accepted by Dec. 23, 2021.
May not be combined with other offers. Code: FRUIT21



WINTER SAFETY CHECK

Winter inherently brings rain and the potential for storms, both of which can impact trees. When trees are properly pruned and deadwood and excess weight removed, they have a better chance of surviving these events without damage.



PRUNING: Pruning can include removing limbs to reduce excess weight and improve the overall shape and appearance of a tree. But it can also address potential issues such as limbs that are extending over structures, impeding views, or obstructing access to driveways or walkways.

ANNUAL CHECK: We recommend having a winter safety check annually, as much can change during the course of a year. Sperry offers winter safety checks at no charge.

WATCH THIS YOUTUBE VIDEO TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WINTERIZING YOUR TREES: ISA Certified Arborists Alby Thoumsin and Chris White talk about what they look for during a winter safety check and why it matters.



Tree in the Spotlight

Named in honor of Friedrich W. Parrot, a German naturalist & explorer (1791 – 1841).



PERSIAN PARROTIA (PARROTIA PERSICA)

Pros:

- Multi stem or single trunk
- Grows 40'tall, 30" wide
- Winter flowers – inconspicuous, no petals
- Spring leaves; reddish purple then green
- Fall leaves; yellow to red/purple
- Bark exfoliates; outer gray bark patches peel off revealing beige creamy inner bark

Cons:

- Will not tolerate waterlogged soils

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PRUNING FRUIT TREES

It may seem as though your fruit trees have just stopped fruiting. Yet, it is not too early to think about preparing them to produce abundantly next year. The best time to prune fruit trees is during the winter; December – February. This is the dormant season when fruit trees rest and replenish for the growing season ahead.

Pruning mature fruit trees during dormant season includes removal of dormant buds and excess branches. Removing the dormant buds invigorates the buds that remain, stimulating fruit production. Strategic pruning can also be used to control the size of your tree for easier fruit picking and allow more light into the canopy, resulting in larger, sweeter fruit.



Fruit pruning appointments tend to fill up quickly, so we recommend scheduling now for your estimate consultation. Our team of ISA Certified Arborists are experienced working with fruit trees and will create a personalized pruning plan to meet the unique needs of your trees.

We offer FREE estimate consultation appointments. Call our office or request an appointment online at sperrytreecare.com.



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