

# Sperry Tree Care

NEWSLETTER

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### WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER NEWSLETTER!

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Summer will be extra sweet this year, as it was slow in coming. The copious amounts of rain that we've recently received were much needed and much appreciated by trees, plants and people alike. All that warm rain resulted in lush green foliage and beautiful blooms for plants and trees alike. You may find that you have additional pruning needs this summer and fall following springs vigorous new growth. Our ISA Certified Arborists can help to identify your pruning needs so that your yard will look better than ever.

# Summer Tree Care



## WATERING, MULCHING AND PRUNING

Throughout the warm days of summer, it is essential to ensure that your trees are receiving enough water. This is especially critical with young trees, which require more hydration support than mature, well-established trees. When the temps exceed 90 degrees, even mature trees will benefit from extra watering. When trees are not properly watered, they experience stress. This stress can result in short-term effects such as wilting and browning, but stress can also make trees susceptible to pests and disease down the road. This is definitely a case where an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. For more about how much water your tree actually needs, [click here](#).

Mulching at the beginning of summer can help to protect your trees by keeping moisture in the soil, in turn keeping soil temperatures cooler. Mulch should be placed on the ground around the base of three, never piled up against the trunk. An added benefit of mulch is that it helps to reduce weeds.

You may also want to consider summer pruning. Summer can be a good time for a structural clean-up. Late summer is recommended for shrub and hedge pruning. For fruit trees in particular, pruning in the summer will promote more blossoms next spring, resulting in more fruit next summer!

Preventative care of your trees, before problems arise, is always recommended. Proper watering, mulching and pruning as needed are all essential steps towards supporting and maintaining the health of your trees.



# Tree in the Spotlight

## RED HORSE CHESTNUT (*Aesculus x carnea*)



The **Red Horse chestnut** is an excellent shade tree that will fit in most landscapes. Its showy cone-shaped flowers bloom in May among dark green leaves, making it a stand-out plant for early color. The flowers are extremely attractive to butterflies and hummingbirds.

### Pros

- Easily available
- Medium-sized tree (Okay to plant in most yards)
- Grows quickly
- Showy flowers that are good for pollinators
- Leaves decompose quickly and produce excellent compost

### Cons

- Very dense shade, restricting other planting options
- Nut litter sometimes heavy and a nuisance close to sidewalks or streets
- Nut are not edible like the regular chestnut
- Wood is not good at compartmentalizing decay (large wounds will easily lead to cavity)

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## TREE PLANTING

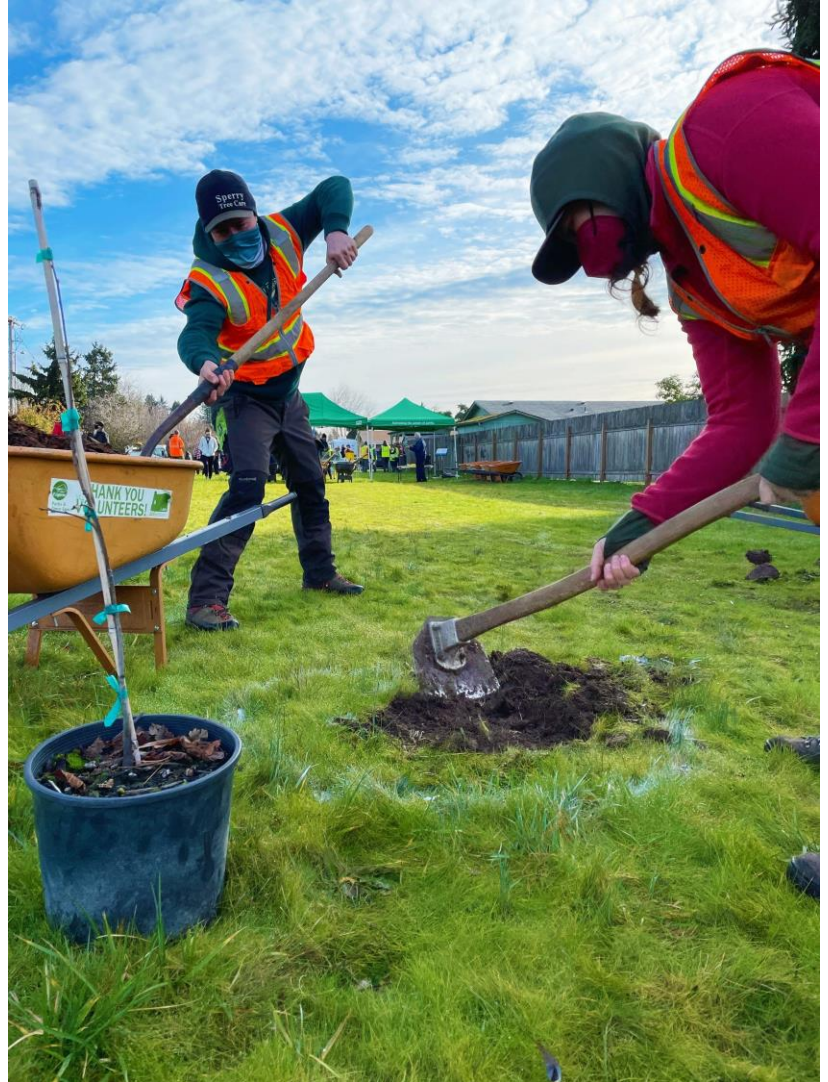
Caring for established trees is what we are best known for. You may not know that the arborists at Sperry are also passionate about selecting and planting trees also.

It starts with choosing the right tree for the right location. Taking into consideration the property owners' goal for the tree, the soil type, proximity to structures, nearby trees and plants, overhead lines and more helps the arborist to recommend trees that are best suited for the space. Or, sometimes, to recommend another location that is better suited for the desired tree.

Once a selection is made, our team sources high-quality trees from nursery stock, carefully checking the health and condition on behalf of the customer. The final step is an ISA Certified Arborist planting the tree(s) with their long-term success in mind.

Trees can be planted at any time during the year, but we recommend dormant-season planting (Oct - February). Planting during the dormant season is less stressful for new trees and allows them to establish before the active growing season.

Summer is a great time to evaluate your yard and determine what your fall planting needs are. Scheduling an appointment with an arborist for a tree selection consultation during the warm months will give them the opportunity to see your yard at its best and determine how new trees can be incorporated. Getting your tree order in early ensures that the specific variety that you want will be available for planting season.





Particularly good for new homeowners, Sperry Tree Care offers a Residential Property Consultation with an ASCA Registered Consulting Arborist. ASCA Registered Consulting Arborists are trained to provide an objective opinion about your trees and shrubs and detail their findings in a written report. These arborists are also ISA Certified.



During a 50-minute walk-through with the property owner the Consulting Arborists will inventory the trees and shrubs, while looking for any health or safety concerns. Following the appointment, they will create a future care plan for your yard as well as address any immediate needs.

This is an excellent opportunity for homeowners to learn about the trees and

shrubs on their property and how to care for them. The primary goal is to educate the property owner so that they are in a better position to make proactive decisions about the care that they provide to their landscaping.

With 2 ASCA Registered Consulting Arborists on staff, Sperry Tree Care is uniquely qualified to provide this consulting service.

We offer **FREE** estimate appointments.

Call our office or request an appointment online at [sperrytreecare.com](http://sperrytreecare.com).



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