

SPRING TREE CARE CHECKLIST

Your Guide to Healthy, Thriving Trees This Season

INSPECT FOR WINTER DAMAGE

- Check for broken or hanging branches that need removal
- Look for frost cracks or sun scald on trunks
- Examine trees for signs of wildlife damage or nesting animal pests
- Inspect for ice or snow damage, especially on evergreens
- Schedule a professional arborist evaluation for mature trees



SPRING CLEANING

- Remove winter debris from around tree bases
- Clear away remaining fall leaves and fruit that can harbor fungal diseases
- Replace old mulch with fresh material
- Remove any tree wraps used for winter protection



PRUNING & TRIMMING

- Remove dead, damaged, or diseased branches
- Prune spring-flowering trees **AFTER** they bloom
- Shape young trees to establish proper structure
- Prune fruit trees for sunlight and airflow to maximize yield



MULCHING & SOIL CARE

- Apply 2-4 inches of organic mulch around trees (keep it away from the tree trunk)
- Test soil pH and nutrient levels if trees show signs of deficiency
- Add compost to improve soil structure if needed
- Check for soil compaction and aerate if necessary



SCHEDULE ARBORIST SERVICES EARLY

Please plan ahead for any arborist services you need, such as structural support, fungicide applications, or a tree risk assessment. Our schedule fills up quickly in spring; early scheduling ensures timely assistance during peak demand periods.



WATERING & FERTILIZATION

- Begin regular watering as soil dries out
- Consider deep root fertilization for established trees
- Water newly planted trees with 15-20 gallons twice a week
- Monitor soil moisture during spring temperature fluctuations



PREVENTIVE TREATMENTS

- Spray dormant oil before buds break to control overwintering pests
- Inspect for early signs of insect activity, such as spongy moth
- Check for bronze birch borer presence on birch trees
- Schedule fungicide treatments to prevent apple scab, anthracnose, and other diseases on apples, dogwoods, Douglas Fir, and more



PLANNING & PLANTING

- Plan now for any new tree planting (planting is best done in early spring)
- Choose the right tree species for your specific location (5 top picks)
- Ensure trees are planted correctly (improper planting is the #1 tree killer)
- Keep the ground around new trees free of weeds and competing plants, including lawn grass



SPRING IS A GREAT TIME FOR A TREE INSPECTION!

- Prevent property damage
- Increase tree longevity
- Improve curb appeal
- Raise property value
- Make trees safer

Tree inspections help determine the amount of risk trees pose to your home. For example, what's likely to happen if you construct a walkway or widen the driveway? Or what's the likelihood that the tree providing welcome summer shade today will drop a limb or crash and damage your residence in the next winter storm?

The good news is that a regular tree inspection by a Certified Arborist will give you the information you need to proactively manage your trees and prevent future hazards.



YOU'RE PROTECTED BY THE STC GUARANTEE

We guarantee our tree services will meet or exceed arboricultural industry standards, and we stand behind all the work we complete with a 100% tree service guarantee. Trust us to take care of your trees, and if something isn't right, we will work with you to make it right. Guaranteed.