

# Needles & Nuts



## A few words from *Mike*



It's hard to believe we are celebrating 30 years of business! As landscape care experts and professionals, our philosophies of caring for landscapes have always been to educate and listen to our clients and staff, consult and follow industry

guidelines, reduce pesticide use whenever possible, and only treat plants that have insect, disease, and nutritional issues. We believe that our hard work, your trust and referrals, and an environmentally conscious approach to landscape care is what has helped us reach this milestone. We would also like to think this is what sets us apart from other companies and want to thank you for your support.

It is this support that has allowed us the opportunity to grow and expand our services, products, and staff over the years. As we look ahead to 2014, we are excited to introduce a few new services that have been added as a direct result of our clients' feedback and requests. Please take a moment to read about the new services (in this Issue.) And if you're out and about in Troy, stop by the new Bonefish Restaurant where they use our Oak Firewood to give their menu items that added smoky flavoring. Don't forget to tell them Mike sent you!

Thank you again for being a part of 30 great years! We appreciate your loyalty and hope that we can continue to be your "company of choice" for many more years to come.

Wishing all of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Cheers,  
*Mike Barger*

## Enduring the Cold: Us and Trees

Michigan winters are something for all of us to be proud of enduring. Whether it be photos of tropical sunsets or snuggling up to a warm fire at night, we all have our own personal approach to making it through the cold.

**Your trees and landscape are not as resilient to the winter. Similar to us, they need encouragement and proactive attention to increase their hardiness:**



- **Cabling, bracing and pruning are preventative actions that can reduce future storm damage and/or splitting branches.**
- **Inspections and monitoring of trees can help aid in providing the maximum amount of insect and disease protection for the season.**
- **Oaks and Elm trees are examples of trees that should be pruned ONLY during the dormant season.**



**It is this type of proactive attention that can make the other three seasons healthier, safer, and more enjoyable for your trees and landscape.**





# PLANT & LAWN HEALTH CARE

## **Nature Is Beautiful, Yet Can Be Destructive**

Have you seen Sparky, Buttercup, or even the whole "Rug-Rat Gang" in the backyard browsing or nesting these last few months? Whichever name you gave to your neighborhood deer, rabbit, or other animals, we acknowledge their beauty, but damage to your landscape can be devastating and expensive.

### **THE SOLUTION:**

## **DEER PRO™**

**Longest Lasting Animal Repellent On the Market**

### **WINTER TREATMENT**

- One fall application can protect your landscape for up to six months.
- The active ingredient is a strong taste-deterrent that will protect plants from even the hungriest deer.

### **SPRING/SUMMER TREATMENT**

- One treatment will last 4-6 weeks. No need to re-apply after every rainstorm.
- The product has professional strength that yields results.
- This seasonal treatment is a strong smell-deterrent to deer and animals who have a heightened sense of smell.

The repellent is EPA approved and still very effective. Deer don't like it, but you'll love it!

When you count on us to protect your landscape investment, we have the strongest repellents available. No gimmicks—just a proven effective repellent to keep the deer away and keep you satisfied!

**Call Today to Protect  
Your Plants Tomorrow!**





**NEW SERVICE!**

# BIO-GUARD HOME DEFENSE

Bio-Guard Home Defense is an insect treatment program designed to

**PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM INSECTS.**

Your home, yard, and living space is unique and requires customized attention to help maximize year-round protection.

## BIO-GUARD HOME DEFENSE

- Help to keep ants, spiders, and other insects from invading your home.
- The applications are odorless, colorless, and last approximately 4 - 6 weeks.
- You don't need to invite us in because this treatment takes place outdoors.
- Contact us to get a free estimate and be prepared for the upcoming season.
- We can customize your program to control insects ranging from spring through fall.



## ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

We recognize it is our responsibility to not only serve our customers, but to focus on the environment as well.

Our integrated pest management approach is an environmentally conscious approach to pest management.

This approach has been consistent throughout all of Mike's Tree Surgeon's services for 30 years.

## MTS AND THE BALANCE OF LIFE

There are many beneficial insects (like honeybees) that are vital to our local ecosystem.

They play a key role in plant pollination and the balance of life. In the last few years Colony Collapse Disorder has become a concern as honeybees have been declining.

MTS takes an environmentally responsible approach to the management and protection of honeybees and other beneficial insects. If you have any questions about alternative services regarding favorable insects, feel free to contact us.





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# PERIMETER PEST CONTROL



## BIO-GUARD HOME DEFENSE

**Our Environmentally Sound  
Pest Management Program**

- Applied around the exterior of your home
- Keep insects and insecticides out of your living space
- Odorless and colorless

**Call Us Today to  
Get on the List!**



### LAWN HEALTH CARE

- Custom Lawn Care Programs
- Weed, Insect & Disease Control
- Core Aerations
- Lawn Renovations
- Organic Fertilization
- Perimeter Pest Control

### TREE & SHRUB

- Pruning
- Removals
- Stump Grinding
- Cabling
- Lightning Protection
- Storm Damage

### PLANT HEALTH CARE

- Insect & Disease Mgmt.
- Fertilization
- Injections
- Root Collar Excavation
- Vertical Mulching
- Monitoring & Consults
- Deer Repellent

### FORESTRY

- Site Inspections
- Inventories
- Tree Preservation Programs & Permits

### LANDSCAPE

- Tree & Shrub Planting
- Mulching