



Spring 2010

Needles & Nuts



A Message From *Mike*

With Spring here, it is time to step in your yard and enjoy what nature has to offer. We continue to be **environmentally conscious** by using many products that are problem specific. For example some products only affect certain insects at a particular stage of its life cycle and little else. For us to properly manage and sustain your landscape: **early** and **preventative actions** are key.

Another challenge we are encountering is adjusting annual **Tree, Shrub and Lawn Programs** to meet tighter budgets. I believe our success has been our flexibility and knowledge of how we can adjust a program and still take care of the major problems, even in a tough economy. Landscapes are an investment that requires continued care. If you need help in adjusting or reducing treatments to protect your landscape investment, please let us know.

One of our goals for the future is to reduce the amount of paper we send out by utilizing Email and our Website. We hope to start testing the process by being able to email Proposals, Programs, etc and having our newsletter and promotional items posted on our Website. So if you would like to help us out, **check out our Website**, drop us an email and let us know what you think.

Thank you for your support and business!

Mike Barger



RENEW Your Tree, Shrub & Lawn Care Programs

Delaying a program renewal may mean certain pests might not be able to be controlled on time. Treatments for some insects and diseases will begin in early April. If you have not received a program, give us a call and we can design a Tree, Shrub and Lawn Care program to fit your landscape and budget needs.

Spring Tree Work

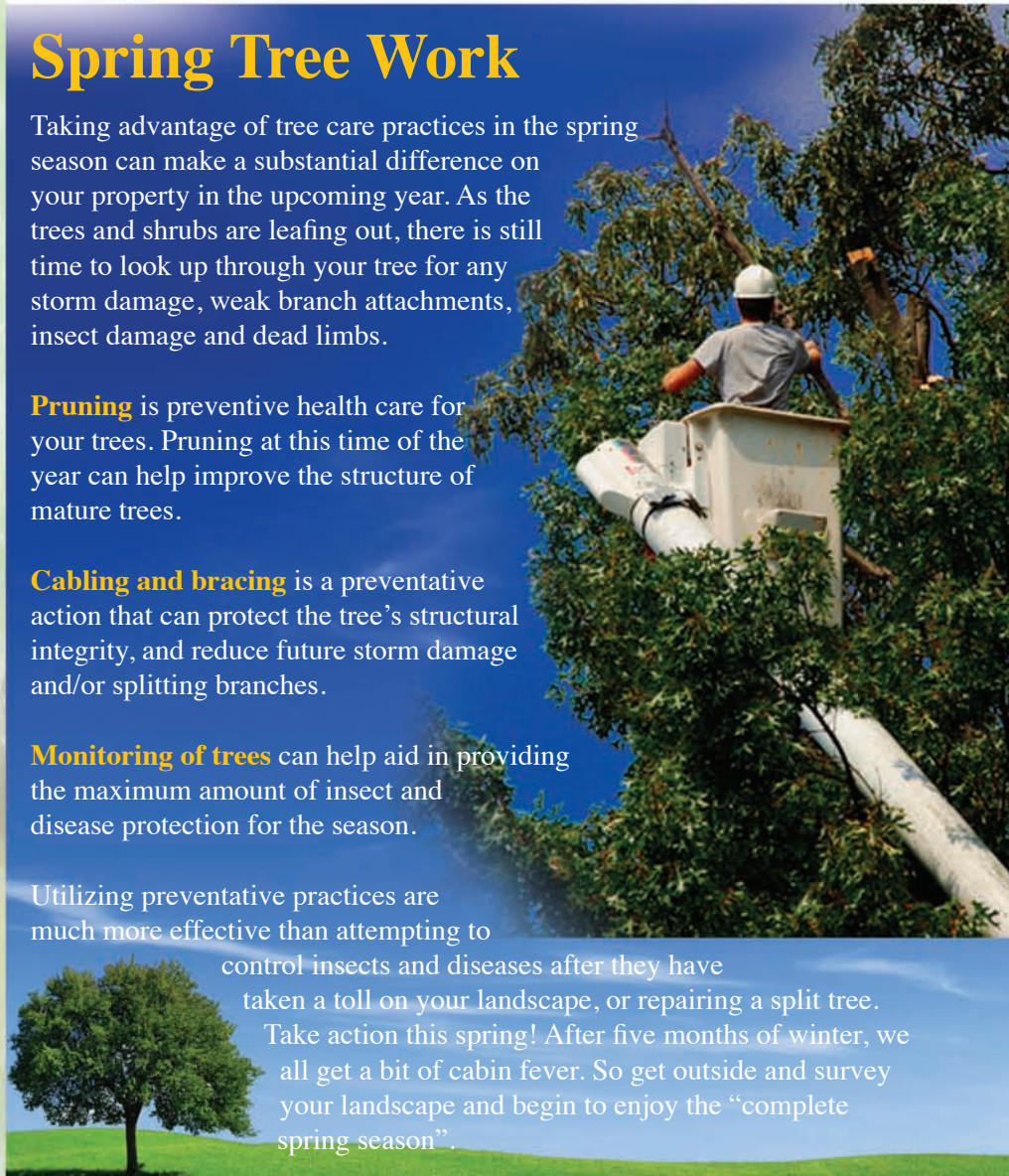
Taking advantage of tree care practices in the spring season can make a substantial difference on your property in the upcoming year. As the trees and shrubs are leafing out, there is still time to look up through your tree for any storm damage, weak branch attachments, insect damage and dead limbs.

Pruning is preventive health care for your trees. Pruning at this time of the year can help improve the structure of mature trees.

Cabling and bracing is a preventative action that can protect the tree's structural integrity, and reduce future storm damage and/or splitting branches.

Monitoring of trees can help aid in providing the maximum amount of insect and disease protection for the season.

Utilizing preventative practices are much more effective than attempting to control insects and diseases after they have taken a toll on your landscape, or repairing a split tree. Take action this spring! After five months of winter, we all get a bit of cabin fever. So get outside and survey your landscape and begin to enjoy the "complete spring season".



If we have given you a tree work proposal in 2009 we will honor up to a 20% discount if you approve your estimate before May 15th, 2010

Foliar Disease in the Landscape

Apple scab, needle cast, tip blight, rusts, anthracnose, tar spot; these are some of the terms that you may have heard being mentioned about the trees and shrubs in your landscape.



Needle Cast on Spruce



Diplodia Tip Blight on Pine



Cedar Hawthorn Rust

- After the long Michigan winter, you are probably looking forward to the longer days, warmer temperatures, blooms and the sight of robins that herald the return of spring.

- You should also begin thinking about your landscape and protecting it from fungal diseases. Once these diseases become visible in the landscape, protection and control for the season is nearly impossible.

- Timing of treatment applications is critical. Prevention requires good timing and overlapping applications for best results!



Apple Scab on Crabapple



Sycamore Anthracnose



Tar Spot on Maple

LAWN HEALTH CARE



Spring Lawn Care Tips

Prevention and preparation is also important in lawn care. Now that the snow is gone and your lawn is waking up, here are a few tips to help it along:

- You'll want to lightly rake up any loose debris and/or dead grass prior to applying fertilizers and/or weed control.
- Use a balanced granular fertilizer, with a "slow-release" component. We'll make sure to clean off any granular fertilizer that reach your driveway or sidewalk, we wouldn't want it to reach the storm drains!
- Apply a pre-emergent crabgrass control at your first or second application (depending on weather conditions) to control crabgrass in the summer.
- Over seed bare or thin areas in your lawn to help reduce weeds.
- If you plan to over seed your lawn DO NOT apply pre-emergent crabgrass control to those areas, as this would stop the seed from germinating.
- Consider a spring aeration if you have a problem with compaction or thatch build-up.



If we are not currently taking care of your lawn, contact us for a fee quote. We are currently honoring a 10% discount for first time lawn customers that approve of at least 4 lawn applications for the 2010 season.



<http://www.mikestree.com>

Remember, you can use our new website www.mikestree.com to contact us, pay bills, renew contracts and find out useful information regarding insects and diseases that are common to the trees, shrubs and lawns in the Metro-Detroit area!





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We are proud members of the following organizations:

- International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)**
- Global Releaf of Michigan**
- Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA)**
- Michigan Green Industry Association (MGIA)**
- Arboriculture Society of Michigan (ASM)**



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Global ReLeaf of Michigan 20th Tree & Shrub Fundraiser - Mike's Tree Surgeons is proud to support and host one of the pick-up locations for the Global ReLeaf Organization on April 24th, 2010 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Contact to order plants **1-800-642-7353** or www.globalreleaf.org.



Bordine's Nursery Events (only a few listed)
Exclusive Seminar by Nancy Szerlag, Garden Writer and Master Gardener - Held at the Clarkston location on April 24, 2010 at 10 am & the Grand Blanc location at 2 pm.
Combos for Sun Container Seminar - Held on May 5, 2010 at the Rochester Hills, Clarkston, Grand Blanc and Brighton locations.
Combos for Shade Container Seminar - Held on May 12, 2010 at the Rochester Hills, Clarkston, Grand Blanc and Brighton locations.
 Call to register **(248) 657-9000** or www.bordines.com



Telly's Greenhouse Spring Events (only a few listed)
What's New for 2010 - April 17, Saturday 1pm \$5
Underused, Underappreciated & Unknown Annuals - April 24th, Saturday 10 am \$5.
Underused, Underappreciated & Unknown Perennials - April 24th, Saturday 11 am \$5
 Call to register **(248) 689-8735** or www.tellys.com



Southeaster Oakland County Water Authority Events (only a few listed)
Healthy Lawn care Workshop - Monday, April 26, 2010 6:30-8:30 pm. Auburn Hills Community Library 3400 E. Seyburn Dr., Auburn Hills.
Trees for Tomorrow - Saturday, May 1 2010 9 am - 12 pm. Lathrup Village Municipal Bldg. & Grounds. 2700 Southfield Rd., Lathrup Village. Call to register **(248) 288-5150** or www.socwa.org

TREE CARE

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

PLANT HEALTH CARE

- Insect & Disease Management
- Fertilization
- Injections
- Root Collar Excavation
- Vertical Mulching

BIO-TURF LAWN CARE

- Custom Fertilization Programs
- Lawn Renovation
- Core Aeration
- Weed Control

FORESTRY

- Site Inspections
- Tree Preservation Programs

LANDSCAPE SERVICES

- Tree & Shrub Planting
- Mulching