

# TREES & SHRUBS

SEASONAL CARE FOR  
IN NORTHERN U.S. CLIMATES

|                    |   | SPRING  | SUMMER   | AUTUMN           | WINTER  |             |  |
|--------------------|---|---|--|------------------|---|-------------|--|
|                    |   | BUDS SWELL  | LEAVES EMERGE  | LEAVES FULL SIZE | LEAVES TURN   | LEAVES DROP | SOIL FROZEN  |
| INSTALL            | PLANT   |   |  |                  |   |             | <p>THIS CHART HIGHLIGHTS THE MOST FAVORABLE TIMING FOR THE LISTED TREE CARE ACTIVITIES.</p> <p>PLANTING, FERTILIZING AND PRUNING SHOULD BE AVOIDED DURING PERIODS OF WEATHER EXTREMES (E.G., DROUGHT OR HIGH WINDS)</p> <p>* FOR MORE INFORMATION INCLUDING A LIST OF ISA CERTIFIED ARBORISTS, VISIT <a href="http://WWW.TREESAREGOOD.COM">WWW.TREESAREGOOD.COM</a>.</p> <p>† CONTACT A SOIL TESTING LAB FOR A BASIC SOIL TEST. LOCAL LABS MAY BE FOUND ONLINE, THROUGH A LOCAL NURSERY OR CONSULT A CERTIFIED ARBORIST.</p> |
|                    | TRANSPLANT  | SOME PLANTS TRANSPLANT BETTER IN LATE SPRING & SUMMER. CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL NURSERY.   |  |                  |   |             |  |
| MAINTAIN           | WATER   | IT IS ESSENTIAL TO WATER DURING SUMMER AND DROUGHT PERIODS.   |  |                  | LATE AUTUMN WATERING REDUCES WINTER DAMAGE.   |             |  |
|                    | MULCH   | MAINTAIN A RING OF MULCH (2"-4" DEEP) AROUND THE TREE BUT NOT AGAINST THE TRUNK.  |  |                  |   |             |  |
| PRUNING            | EVERGREEN BRANCHES  | SAP RUNS BUT DOES NOT AFFECT THE HEALTH OF THE TREE.  |  |                  |   |             |  |
|                    | EVERGREEN SHRUB SHEARING  |   |  |                  |   |             |  |
| DECIDUOUS BRANCHES | OAK, MOUNTAINASH, HAWTHORN, AND FRUIT TREES ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO DISEASE WHEN PRUNED DURING THIS PERIOD. CHECK WITH STATE UNIVERSITY DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC. |   |  |                  |   |             |  |
| GROWTH             | STAKING/GUYING  | APPLY ONLY WHEN TREE WON'T STAND ON ITS OWN. CHECK TO MAKE SURE TRUNK IS NOT BEING INJURED FROM ATTACHMENTS. LOOSEN IF NECESSARY. |  |                  |   |             |  |
|                    | FERTILIZING   | APPLY LOW RATES OF NITROGEN IF NECESSARY AND OTHER NUTRIENTS BASED ON SOIL TEST RECOMMENDATIONS.†                                 |  |                  |   |             |  |
| PROTECT            | STEM PROTECTION   | REMOVE PROTECTION.  | MULCH OR PLASTIC GUARDS MAY BE PLACED AROUND STEMS DURING GROWING SEASON TO PREVENT DAMAGE FROM LAWN MOWERS OR TRIMMING EQUIPMENT. |                  | APPLY IF TRUNKS NEED PROTECTION. ENCIRCLE WITH HARDWARE CLOTH, 3" FROM THE TRUNK.     |             |  |
|                    | BRANCHES & FOLIAGE  | REMOVE PROTECTION.  | MULTI-STEMMED PLANTS CAN BE BOUND WITH BURLAP OR TWINE TO PREVENT BREAKAGE FROM SNOW AND ICE LOADS.                                |                  |   |             |  |
| MONITOR            | HEALTH  | CHECK FOR ANIMAL AND WINTER DAMAGE. CONSULT AN ISA CERTIFIED ARBORIST FOR TREATMENT.*   | CHECK FOR INSECTS & DISEASE. CONSULT AN ISA CERTIFIED ARBORIST FOR TREATMENT.*   |                  | CHECK FOR ANIMAL AND WINTER DAMAGE. CONSULT AN ISA CERTIFIED ARBORIST FOR TREATMENT.* |             |  |
|                    | SAFETY  | MONITOR YEAR ROUND, BUT ESPECIALLY AFTER STORMS. CONSULT AN ISA CERTIFIED ARBORIST FOR TREATMENT.*                                |  |                  |   |             |  |

PREFERRED
  DEPENDS ON SITUATION
  NOT ADVISED



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