

SEASONAL CARE FOR TREES & SHRUBS IN NORTHERN U.S. CLIMATES

SPRING SUMMER AUTUMN WINTER

BUDS SWELL

LEAVES EMERGE

LEAVES FULL SIZE

LEAVES TURN

LEAVES DROP

SOIL FROZEN

WATER

WATER IS ESSENTIAL IN SUMMER & DROUGHT.

REDUCES WINTER DAMAGE.

MULCH

MAINTAIN A RING OF MULCH (2"-4" DEEP) AROUND THE TREE BUT NOT AGAINST THE TRUNK.

PRUNE

FOR SOME PLANTS, PRUNING OR REMOVAL DURING THIS TIME REQUIRES SPECIAL CARE TO PREVENT DISEASE TRANSMISSION.

FERTILIZE

APPLY LOW RATES OF NITROGEN IF NECESSARY

PROTECT TRUNK

MULCH OR PLASTIC GUARDS MAY BE USED TO PREVENT DAMAGE FROM MOWERS OR OTHER LAWN EQUIPMENT.

APPLY IF NEEDED. USE HARDWARE CLOTH, 3" FROM THE TRUNK.

MONITOR HEALTH & SAFETY

ANIMAL AND SNOW/ICE DAMAGE

INSECT AND DISEASE PROBLEMS

ANIMAL AND SNOW/ICE DAMAGE

PREFERRED

DEPENDS ON SITUATION

NOT ADVISED

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