

It may only be Winter but preparing early for Spring is the key to PREVENTION

Tree Pros, Inc. offers on staff arborists and Plant Health Care specialists. We service all of Southern California and we offer free quotes and preventative maintenance programs that will help fight against unwanted pests, plant and tree diseases. Choosing the right maintenance plan in advance will save your community money and maintain the communities beauty.

Tree Trimming in Spring:

We know that HOA's, campuses and business center typically have various types of species on their properties and it is sometimes difficult to remember which trees need to be trimmed and when. That is what we are here for! Below are a few evergreen and conifer tree species that we suggest should be trimmed during this season: Cypress, Cedars, Bradford Pears, Poplar, Spruce, Junipers, Sumacs, Cherries, Plums, Honey Locust.



(cypress)



(Juniper)



(cedar)



(Bradford Pear)

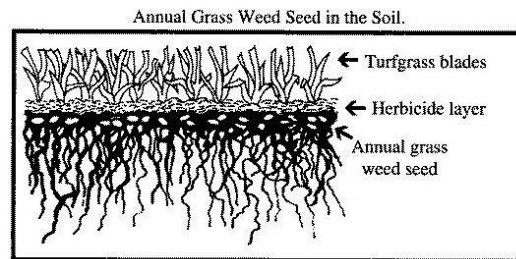
Dead, damaged, and diseased branches should be removed as soon as possible. Otherwise, the best time to prune is in late winter, early **spring**, just before the tree begins to open its buds.

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Plant Health Care is equally important as tree trimming when it comes to the health and growth of your trees, shrubs, and turf areas. During the winter months (Dec.Jan.Feb.) bids for Fruit Prevention (Olive & Palm for example), gopher and squirrel control, deep root fertilization for turf and trees, weed pre-emergents, and crab grass control should be prepared and approved. Completion of preventative treatments before "spring" is the best defense against unwanted fruiting and pest infestations.

Knowing how:

How do you control these pesky pests and unwanted fruit? Spray treatments are used to prevent flowering, pre-emergents can help control against crab grass and all unwanted weeds from germinating.



Interesting facts about pre-emergents:

Choosing which pre-emergent you use is largely based on the types of weeds you historically have an issue with. Each has a labeled list of weeds that it controls, for how long, at what rates, etc. etc. For example, crabgrass is pretty much a universal target for all popular turf pre-emergent in the market (our specialist can help you with the differences and the similarities of some of the targets, their application dates and the effective windows).

What you will find as our specialist explains the differences between the products is that the majority, by far, do not target cool season, common weeds like dandelions, thistle, etc. This becomes important when thinking about the management of your turf with other products and cultural practices you need to be employing, especially during the cool months. Only by understanding what your target is, the length of your product's effective window and the typical germination period for controlled weeds, can you make a decision on the if, which, when and how much when it comes to pre-emergent. This is where our plant health care specialist comes in. They can develop a designated plan that works for your community and your community's needs.

Fire Hazard Reminder: Stay in compliance with city fire codes and complete the removals of Fire Hazards in or around the month of April.

Contact us today to schedule your personalized Maintenance Program, **Tree Pros, Inc. 909-548-0033**