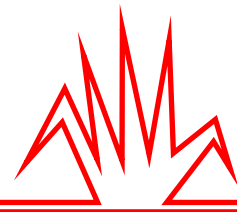


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Tree Fertilization After A Drought

The year 2000 (Y2K) may not have caused all the computers in the world to crash at once, but it has been the year when the word, drought, was defined! We have had one of the driest summers on record and it is taking its toll on our trees in the Tulsa Metro area.

Leaf scorch and root desiccation from a lack of soil moisture has been a common problem



on most varieties of trees. As a result, leaves have fallen early this year and the fall color will not be as vibrant as

in years past. Long term problems such as; branch dieback, winter freeze damage, borer infestations, and plant death from the drought, may surface next spring. Proper care this winter will help your trees survive the winter. I recommend **watering** at least once a week during the winter months, as the temperatures permit. Water deeply to reach the feeder roots that absorb water & nutrients. These roots are usually found in the top 12 inches of the soil. **Root fertilization** with a slow release fertilizer this fall is also a key to helping stressed trees survive. Drought conditions cause trees to shut down their normal process of storing nutrients and carbohydrates in the fall. These nutrients and carbohydrates are vitally important for your tree to endure the winter months and also next spring's early season green up.

We have an excellent professionally formulated root fertilizer for trees that I highly recommend. This fertilizer has all the major & micro nutrients necessary to help a tree overcome stress and nutrient deficiencies caused by a drought. We feed trees through a root injection probe that takes the fertilizer directly to the feeder roots for a more efficient feeding. If you have trees that have been under stress this summer, I suggest you consider having them fed this fall. Call 438-4300 to order this treatment or to receive an estimate.

Note: If your tree was severely damaged this summer from the drought or from some other problem, fertilization may not revive the plant.



Root Fertilization
For Your Trees

\$5.00 OFF

If ordered by
November 1, 2000

Winter Weed Control

Dandelions, henbit, chickweed and many other weeds germinate during the fall of the year. The winter weed control treatment is a liquid application that is sprayed on your lawn during the fall months (Oct. - Dec) to control these pesky weeds.

Fall is an excellent time to start the weed control program. If you

know someone who is interested in having a lawn care service, we are now accepting new customers. If you recommend a friend, relative, or acquaintance to Pinkston's, and they use our service, you qualify to receive Ten Dollars worth of discount coupons.

Pinkston's Surfs The Net

Do you like to surf the Net? Try our new web sight at

pinkstonsturf.com

It's currently under construction, but it will be completed by the end of December.

With our new web sight you will be able to order treatments & estimates online, email comments, look up interesting topics, download newsletters, and research interesting facts about your lawn and landscape. We hope it will be a benefit to you, our valued customer!

Fescue Overseeding

There's still time left for overseeding your fescue lawn, but time is growing short. We will continue to overseed fescue lawns through the month of October. However, if the weather continues to be warm, we can extend the seeding window into November. Call ASAP to order an Overseeding Estimate, 438-4300.



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The Gift
That Gives
All Season Long!

*A Professional Weed Control
and Fertilization Program From
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God's Perfect Gift

"For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, shall not perish but have everlasting life"

John 3:16

Pine Tree Problems

Recently, I attended a seminar at the OSU Extension Center to learn more about Pine tree problems and their respective solutions. Although many problems with pine trees are inherent to their physiological nature, I did find some tidbits of information that will help us control some diseases and insects.

* Pine Needle Blight & Tip Blight needs to be sprayed in the fall and the spring with a fungicide treatment. Note: We are currently scheduling these treatments.

* Pine Wilt is caused by a nematode that is introduced to the tree on a pine sawyer beetle. This organism will cause the tree to die in a very short time. No control is available for this problem. OSU recommends removing the tree and burning it.

* Pine Tip Moth is an insect that causes the tips of your pine tree to die. If you break off the tip of the branch, it will be hollow on the inside. Treat in Nov. & Mar. with an insecticide.