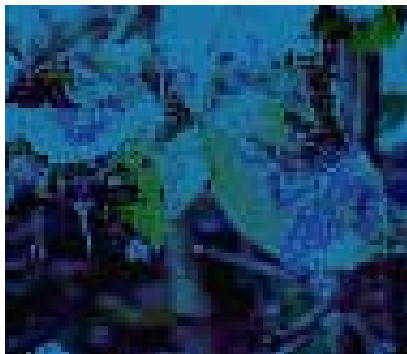
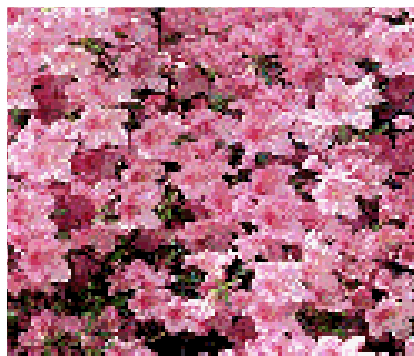




### Azalea Fertilization & Trimming

Azaleas are one of the prettiest plants in the Tulsa landscape. These beautiful shrubs supply an abundance of color that is unmatched among other flowering shrub varieties in my opinion. However, with that beauty comes the need to care for these plants in a special way. I recommend fertilizing them after they bloom with a high quality azalea food. Pinkston's offers an excellent azalea food that is applied directly to the root zone for better results. Our azalea food consist of top notch slow release fertilizer, micronutrients and the best iron supplement available. These nutrients are applied in a liquid form to the root system. Once the shrub has bloomed and is fertilized, I suggest trimming the plant to your desired length. Note: Never trim azaleas after July 1st! The buds for next year develop in late summer. Lastly, keep an eye out for lace bugs. We have already seen damage on a number of azaleas this year from these harmful insects. You should spray a labeled insecticide as soon as insect damage is noticed. Call 438-4300 for azalea treatments this year.

#### Azaleas in Full Bloom



The picture above illustrates the damage leaf spot can cause on photinia shrubs. As a result of this fungus, your photinia shrub will lose vigor, drop leaves and become an eye sore in your landscape. Since this fungus begins to develop during moderate weather conditions with excessive moisture levels, it is important to spray the plant with a fungicide before the fungus has a chance to develop. If the shrub already has the leaf spot

present, an application(s) of fungicide is necessary to protect the new growth on the plant. In normal years, we recommend beginning your monthly spraying in April, however, some years (like the year 2000) where the weather has been much warmer earlier in the season, it is important to start spraying in March. Additionally, you should rake up and remove any leaves that have fallen to the ground. These leaves may still have the active fungi on the leaf surface and as result, infect the leaves still on the plant. We recommend at least three treatments (April, May, June) of fungicide to protect these attractive shrubs from leaf spot. Call 438-4300

Are You Having Problems  
With Ants Coming In From  
Outside?  
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### Spring Dead Spot In Bermuda

It's spring again and my bermuda has round dead spots AGAIN! Why do I get these spots every year? Can something be done?!

Are you asking these questions this year? The problem is a disease called Spring Dead Spot (SDS). This particular disease is caused by a soil pathogen that attacks the root system during the fall months and causes the plant to die during the winter months. Then when spring arrives, you see circular brown patches in the

yard. Preventative applications of a labeled fungicide is recommended in September to control this disease. **Spring applications of a fungicide will not help.** The only beneficial procedure you can do now is, in each of those spots, dig out the soil and replace it or turn the soil over. The bermuda will then quickly cover the bare area. Aeration will help next fall also.

## Is It Too Late To Spray For Weeds?

Do you have friends, family, or neighbors with an abundant supply of weeds? It's **not too late** to recommend Pinkston's for spring weed control! We formulate our spring weed control treatment with a combination of pre and post



emerge chemicals that can effectively cleanup broadleaf weeds and grassy weeds. As a matter of fact, we can spray as late as the end of May and still clean up a yard full of weeds.

If you recommend someone to us, and they sign-up of the service, you will get (5) \$2.00 coupons to use during the season. The more people you recommend, the more money you will save on your own service. Thank you for trusting Pinkston's and recommending others to us!

***It's Time To Have  
Your Yard Sprayed  
For Fleas and Ticks  
Call 438-4300***

### **Lawn & Garden Show**

Listen to the Lawn & Garden Show every Saturday from 10 am to 11 am for the most up to date information on a vast variety of lawn, garden and landscaping topics. This call-in talk show is hosted by Denver Fox and an excellent panel of experts from the Tulsa Metro area horticultural community, including Ted Davis, General Manager of Pinkston's Turf Services. As co-sponsors of the KRMG Lawn & Garden Show, we at Pinkston's hope you listen and enjoy the show!

## Floral - For The Prevention Of Sweetgum Balls

Are you tired of picking up spiny sweetgum balls throughout the fall? Florel Fruit Eliminator may be the answer to your problem!

Florel is a fruit eliminator that, when sprayed on the tree at the proper time, can prevent up to 85% of the sweetgum balls from developing. The key to success is the application timing. The application must be made when the tree is in full bloom. When green clusters of tiny balls are visible on the tree, it is in full bloom and ready to be

treated. From that point, we have about a two week period to spray the tree. Once sprayed, the tiny green balls will fall off and the tree will have a significant reduction of sweetgum balls.

If you are interested in ridding your tree of those spiny sweetgum balls, please call the office **ASAP**, the time to spray is now!

By Trevor Howard  
Tree & Shrub Manager

