

Healthy Trees and Lawns

Spring Checklist

Actions for Your Trees:

☐ **Look for warning signs of tree problems!**

Call Giroud if you see any of these warning signs on your trees or lawn:

- Signs of insects on leaves and branches
- Peeling bark
- Excessive deadwood
- Yellowing or discolored leaves
- Leaves that appear to be eaten
- Lack of new growth or dwarf leaves
- Late to leaf out or only some sections of the tree leaf out
- Small bud development
- Twigs or branches dying back
- Mushrooms growing from root system or trunk

☐ **Have your trees checked by an ISA Certified Arborist at Giroud**

Have your Giroud Arborist check your trees for cracks, hidden deadwood and unsafe root conditions...they're prime targets for storm damage and disease.

☐ **Prune for:**

- **Beauty:** Give your landscape a well-groomed appearance by removing deadwood and pruning your overgrown trees and shrubs. Additionally, improve your view or enhance a landscape focal point with selective pruning.
- **Function:** Elevate branches away from your pool, driveway and walks. Clear branches away from the roof or sides of your house to prevent storm damage, mold, mildew and roof rot.
- **Safety:** Reduce the risk of storm damage from breakage and uprooted trees. Have your Giroud Arborist check your trees for dead, rotted and weakly attached limbs. He should also evaluate thinning the crown to reduce strain from wind and top-heavy limbs.
- **Health:** Prune out weak, dead and diseased limbs. Also, establish a healthy growth pattern by promoting a dominant leader and selectively removing crossed branches.

☐ **Fertilize now for maximum benefit:** Giroud will inject our *Broad Spectrum Vitamin Complex* with Bio-stimulants to replenish the nutrients lost to the lawn and other plantings.

☐ **Help Sick Trees Get Healthy!**

- Are your trees showing one or more of the warning signs listed above? The problem may be in the soil. Your Giroud Arborist can test the soil, evaluate the roots and if needed develop a customized treatment program to nurture your tree back to health.

Actions for Your Lawn

- ☐ **Evaluate and Monitor Lawn Health:** Giroud representatives will evaluate your lawn for insects or diseases, weed infestations and other health issues. Specific problems should be treated only if necessary to minimize chemical use.
- ☐ **Fertilize:** Lawns coming out of dormancy need food. Our special spring fertilizer blends provide the nutrients your lawn needs now.
- ☐ **Control Crabgrass and Perennial Weeds:** Apply pre-emergent control before seeds from last year's crabgrass germinate. As weather warms, broadleaf weeds germinate. Spot treat weeds in garden beds and other non-turf areas with a post-emergent spray like Round-up. Or, ask Giroud to take control as needed with professional grade treatments in your gardens, patios, walks and driveways.

Call Giroud for a free consultation today!

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