

# Winter Checklist!

## Actions for Trees

- ❑ **Get a hazard inspection by your Giroud Arborist:** Hidden dangers such as weak limbs, unstable root systems and other structural hazards are the main focus of our inspection. Have repairs made before severe weather strikes.
- ❑ **Prune now for safety & beauty:** Remove dead limbs, reduce weight and increase stability.
- ❑ **Cable weak limbs:** Prevent limbs & trunks from splitting by installing a cable or bracing rods.
- ❑ **Remove hazards:** Have unsafe trees and ugly stumps removed.
- ❑ **Fertilize:** A deep root injection of special fall fertilizer formula helps stressed trees survive the winter and have a strong start in the spring
- ❑ **Protect your evergreens from Winter Burn!** Plants like Hollies, Cherry Laurels, Rhododendrons and Azaleas are most at risk. Protect your plants. Ask us to apply 2-3 coatings of anti-desiccant between now and February.
- ❑ **Stop deer!** Talk with your Giroud Arborist about our Deer Repellent. It's safe, odorless, water-resistant and absolutely despised by deer. We spray it at least every three months for year-round protection.
- ❑ **Prevent snowplow damage:** Meet with your snowplow service to discuss where to pile the snow to protect ornamental plantings. Mark the location of your plantings with tall stakes tied with bright ribbon to keep the plows away.
- ❑ **Beware of deicers:** Read the label on your deicer. Many deicers can damage or kill trees and lawns. Use a deicer that is friendly to your plants and soil such as Calcium Chloride or Calcium Magnesium Acetate [CMA].
- ❑ **Shake ice and snow off shrubs and small trees:** Use a long pole or rake to gently lift branches and dislodge snow or ice. The heavy weight can cause trees and shrubs to break or split.

## Actions for Lawns

- ❑ **Order Giroud's Lawn Care Treatment Program:** Have Giroud measure and evaluate your lawn for our annual 6 Visit program. Whether you choose our 100% Organic or Traditional program, your treatments will be customized to meet the specific needs of your lawn.
- ❑ **Prevent snow mold:** Matted grass, leaf debris and melting snow can cause lawn damaging Snow Mold Fungus. Rake leaves, cut lawn short (2") and, if possible, pile snow off the lawn.
- ❑ **Rake leaves:** If you haven't already done so, take time to rake the leaves off your lawn. Decayed leaves can smother and kill the grass.

**Call Giroud for a free consultation today! 215-682-7704/610-945-0400**