

Fall Checklist!

Actions for Trees

- ❑ **Look for warning signs of tree problems!**
 - Leaves change color early
 - Premature dropping of leaves
 - Excessive deadwood
 - Peeling bark
 - Insects or disease on leaves and branches
 - Leaves are eaten
 - Twigs or branches are dying back
 - Mushrooms growing from roots or trunk
- ❑ **Get a hazard inspection:** Your Giroud Arborist will check for hidden dangers such as weak limbs, unstable root systems and other structural hazards. Take corrective action before severe weather strikes.
- ❑ **Prune now for safety & beauty:** Trees that haven't been properly maintained are most likely to sustain damage in a winter storm. Protect your trees. Remove dead limbs, reduce weight and increase stability. Trees at highest risk for damage are White Pines, Spruce, Maples and Bradford Pears.
- ❑ **Cable weak limbs:** Prevent limbs & trunks from splitting by installing a cable or bracing rods. Have existing cable systems inspected and replace if necessary.
- ❑ **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.
- ❑ **Treat destructive pests:** Spider Mites, Hemlock Adelgid and Spruce Gall Adelgid are most vulnerable now. If you had problems last Spring with Birch Leaf Miner, Lace Bugs or Aphids, a systemic injection now will suppress these insects from emerging next year.
- ❑ **Prevent Lyme Disease:** Now through November is prime time for tick treatments. These treatments along with perimeter clean-up and selective pruning are the best ways to control ticks.
- ❑ **Protect your evergreens from Winter Burn!** Plants like Hollies, Rhododendron 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.

Actions for Lawns

- ❑ **Lawn Treatments: (including Fertilization):** Our special fall formula helps your lawn establish strong root systems and prepare for winter stress and spring growth. If you don't already have our Annual Lawn Program, ask about our Fall Treatment package.
- ❑ **Core Aeration:** Every lawn can benefit from aeration. It stimulates healthy growth, gives your lawn's roots immediate access to fertilizer, lime and other amendments and accelerates seed germination and growth.
- ❑ **Seeding:** Fall is prime time for seeding. Cooler air, less daylight and warm soil temperatures promote strong root growth, better seed germination and less competition from weeds and crabgrass. Giroud can spot seed a few problem areas or seed your entire lawn. Our seed is custom mixed to match your lawn and its growing environment.
- ❑ **Lime:** Lime may be recommended if a pH test indicates acidic soil. pH levels must be balanced for optimum lawn health.
- ❑ **Lawn Repair:** In preparation for seeding or sodding, lawns in extremely poor condition require intensive action which can include soil amendments, adding a layer of fertile topsoil and light grading.

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