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Calendar of Services

October:

- Arborvitae Pruning
- Lawn Weed Spray
- Lawn Fertilizer
- Shrub Bed Care
- Planting & Transplanting
- Annual Blue Grass Control
- Irrigation Winterization
- Annual Flower Removal
- Fall Foundation Spray

November:

- Fall Pruning
- Fall Cleanup
- Systemic Soil Drench
- Deep Root Feed
- Bulb Planting
- Deice

December:

- Winter Pruning
- Tall Tree Pruning
- Deice
- Sanding
- Snow Plowing

Pruning Your Trees: Winter Can Be Best!

Though it may seem like there's not a lot to do to a landscape during the winter, that cold, dormant time of year is actually the best time to prune most trees. It creates the least amount of stress on the tree and the smallest possibility of infestation by insects or disease.

One of the biggest benefits for mature deciduous trees is that the entire framework is visible. It is easy to see areas of heavy growth that require thinning, such as duplicate branches that create excessive end growth or unduly large scaffolds. Crossing branches, which can rub together and become unhealthy, can also

be identified and removed.

Much of the same is true with immature (young/small) deciduous trees. Since the framework is visible, it is easier to do corrective pruning to maintain proper spacing and a centralized leader. This will eliminate having to dwarf (or remove) co-dominant leaders later and make sure that the tree has the best start possible.

Evergreens, both immature and mature, also have a more visible framework during the winter.



Additionally, the deadwood is still very evident, making it easier to remove.

For some species, such as Birches and Maples, late fall or winter is a great time to prune them. They have a high volume of water pumping through their system, and it will run from the cuts in late winter or early spring (this does not affect the health of the tree).

Information contributed by: Our Arborists

Systemic Soil Drench: Why It's Right for You!

You might be wondering, what is a systemic soil drench and how do I know if I need one? The answer is simple and the list of reasons to get one are many! A systemic soil drench involves applying insecticide to the soil beneath the tree where the roots can then directly take it up. This process is quick, relatively inexpensive, and very effective.

This approach also provides yearlong insect control (we

recommend scheduling one each fall) without overhead spraying and is more environmentally friendly for that reason. Because it is applied directly to the roots, you avoid the unwanted overspray onto other plants, cars, children's toys, etc.

While Greenleaf practices I.P.M. spraying, which is effective and environmentally friendly, systemic soil drenches are even more effective than overhead

spraying and specifically targets harmful insects (aphids, bores) while leaving beneficial insects behind (ladybugs, Praying Mantis) - keeping the ecosystem intact!

Finally, it is pocket book friendly because it requires only one application all year! When used annually as a preventative measure, it just makes environmental and fiscal sense.

Information contributed by: Anna Twohig

Fall Specials

- ❄️ **5% Off:** Winter Tree Pruning*
- ❄️ **10% Off** Fall Systemic Soil Drench*
- ❄️ **\$50.00 Off!** When you sign up for an annual Deice Program!*

*Specials for new services only and cannot be applied to already scheduled or contract work.

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Did you know...?

When we blow-out your sprinklers in the fall, we leave your valves open so that water cannot be trapped inside and freeze. It is VERY important that these valves are closed again before you turn the water back on in the spring. If you have someone other than Greenleaf start-up your system in the spring, please be sure to complete this very important step first!

Employee Spotlight



Alison Pasino
Arbor Crew Leader

Time with Greenleaf: 1 Year

Job Description: *Ali is our Arbor Crew Leader! She works very hard at making your trees and shrubs beautiful and healthy. Occasionally she helps out in with the flowers in the Horticulture Department too!*

Hometown: *San Francisco, CA (but Spokane is her adopted home)*

Hobbies/Interests: *Ali enjoys skiing, snowboarding, telemarking, mountain biking, hiking, backpacking wilderness medicine, outdoor education (see a theme here?), gardening, knitting, cooking, science, and playing with her dog.*

Fun Fact: *She has more plants than shoes!*

What Is That?

Are you ready for winter? The cooler nights and warm days of fall will eventually give way to colder temperatures, leading to snow, ice, and slick roadways and parking lots. The use of **liquid or granular de-ice** helps to keep those roads and parking areas a lot safer.

Liquid de-ice is applied to pavement in order to lower the freezing temperature of water and to prevent ice and snow from forming a bond to the road surface. When applied prior to a winter snow storm, snow plowing is more effective and allows for much safer travel. When applied after plowing, as part of a winter strategy, snow and ice will melt faster. Even heavy build-up of snow and ice can be broken down through repeat applications until the surface is brought back to a safe condition.

Greenleaf uses magnesium chloride, which is the least corrosive to metal and the safest product to use around vegetation, animals, ground water, and road surfaces. De-ice can also reduce the use of sand, which reduces dust in the air and the need for cleaning up in the spring.

Now is the best time to call for an estimate on de-ice or sanding; call or email our office to sign up for de-ice services today! **509-536-2885** or anna@greenleafwa.com

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