

Spring Tree Care Checklist

Ensure Your Trees Thrive This Spring with These Essential Steps

1. Inspect Trees for Winter Damage

- ☑ Perform a visual check for cracks, broken branches, or storm damage.
- ☑ Look for leaning trees or roots lifting from the ground.
- ☑ Identify signs of decay, such as fungus growth or hollow trunks.
- ☑ Schedule a professional tree risk assessment if concerns arise.

2. Prune Dead or Overgrown Branches

- ☑ Trim dead, diseased, or weak branches to encourage healthy growth.
- ☑ Prune fruit trees for better yield and flowering trees after they bloom.
- ☑ Avoid pruning oak trees after April to prevent oak wilt disease.
- ☑ Consult an arborist for large trees or uncertain pruning needs.

3. Apply Fresh Mulch

- ☑ Spread a 2-4 inch layer of mulch around the base of trees.
- ☑ Keep mulch 6 inches away from the trunk to prevent rot and pests.
- ☑ Use organic mulch to improve soil health and moisture retention.

4. Deep Water Your Trees

- ☑ Water newly planted trees weekly with 5-10 gallons per inch of trunk diameter.
- ☑ Provide deep watering for mature trees during dry periods.
- ☑ Use a soaker hose or drip irrigation system for slow, deep absorption.

5. Fertilize for Healthy Growth

- ☑ Apply slow-release fertilizer to provide long-term nutrients.
- ☑ Avoid high-nitrogen lawn fertilizers that promote weak growth.
- ☑ Consider deep-root fertilization for large or mature trees.

6. Protect Against Pests & Diseases

- ☑ Inspect trees for signs of pests like Emerald Ash Borers and bagworms.
- ☑ Watch for fungal diseases like oak wilt or Dutch elm disease.
- ☑ Apply horticultural oil or neem oil as needed for prevention.
- ☑ Schedule treatment if infestations or diseases are detected.

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7. Plan for Storm Season

- ☑ Remove weak or dead branches before spring storms hit.
- ☑ Check tree roots for stability and signs of weakening.
- ☑ Trim trees away from power lines and buildings.
- ☑ Consider cabling or bracing for structurally weak trees.

8. Explore Tree Care Financing Options

- ☑ Apply for tree care financing to spread out costs.
- ☑ Use financing for tree pruning, removal, risk assessments, and treatments.
- ☑ Prequalify with no impact on your credit score.

9. Schedule Your Yearly Tree Risk Assessment

- ☑ Detect early signs of disease, decay, or structural issues.
- ☑ Prevent costly emergency tree removals.
- ☑ Ensure trees are safe for your home and family.
- ☑ Book a professional tree assessment with Cartwright Tree Care.



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